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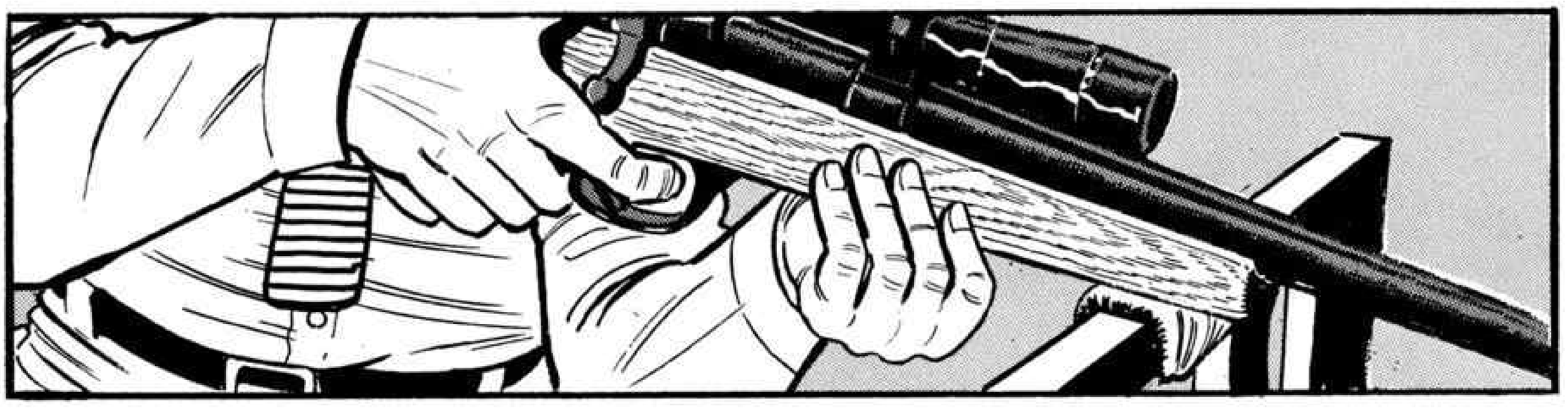

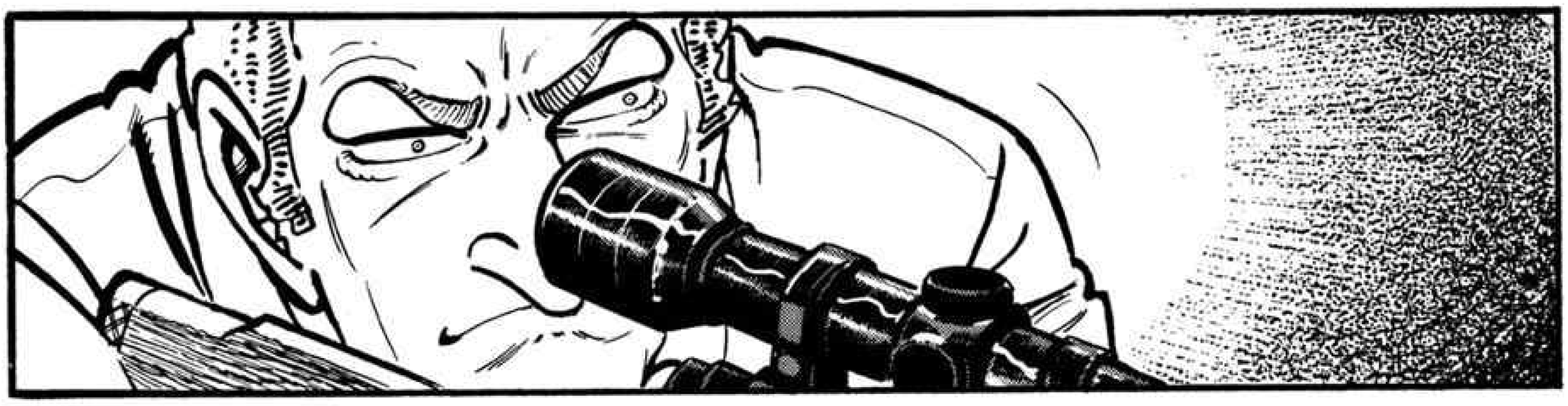

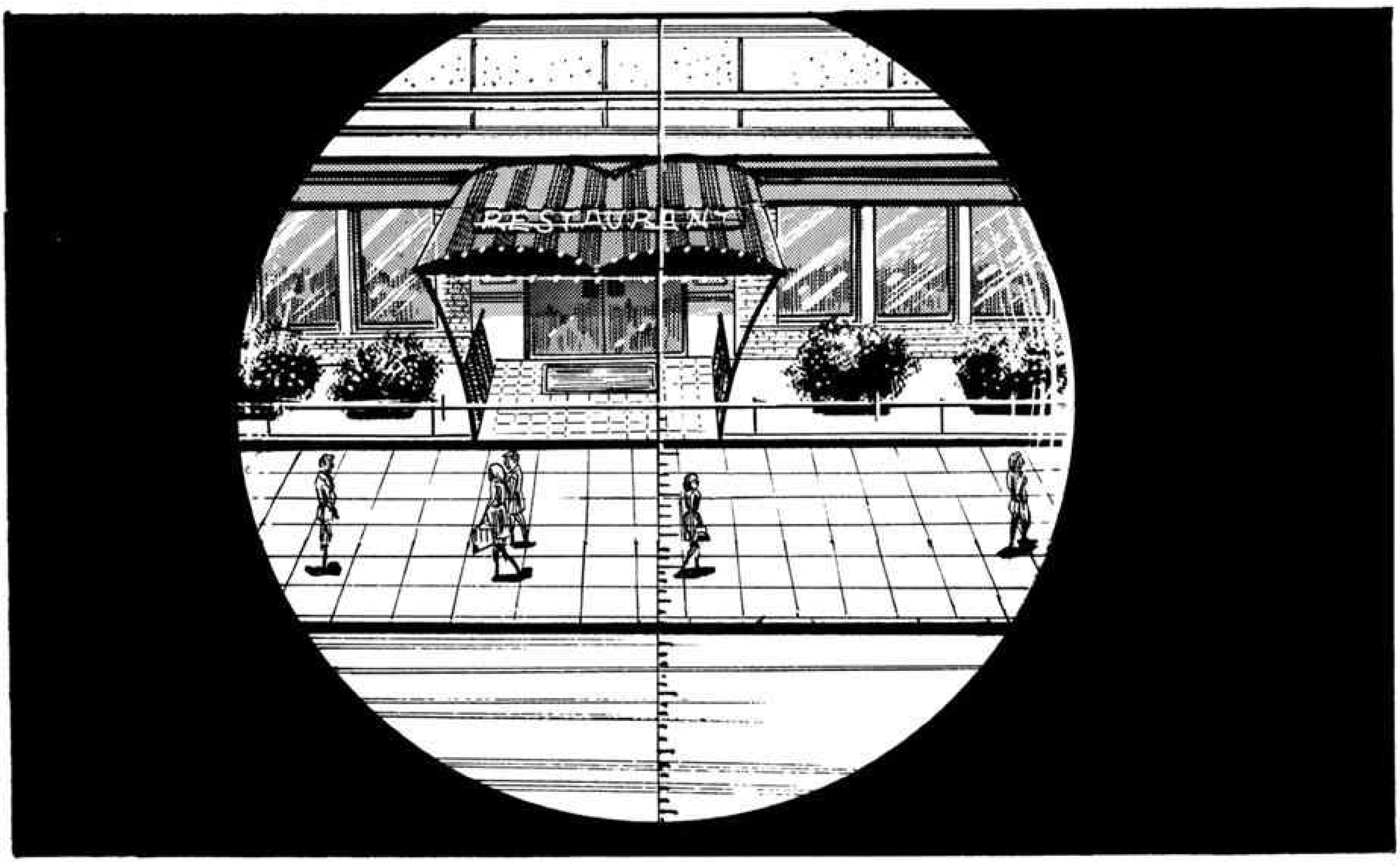
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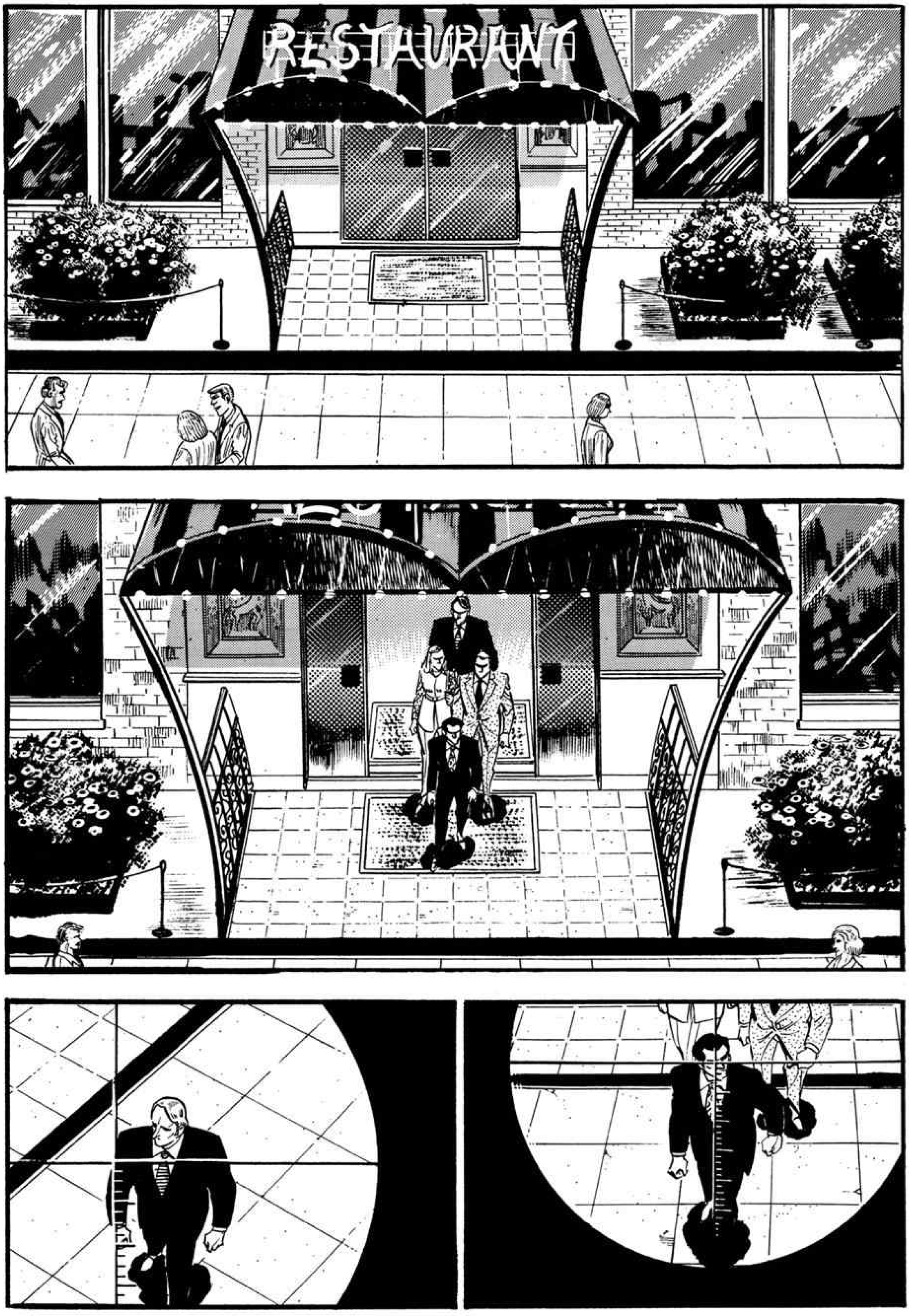
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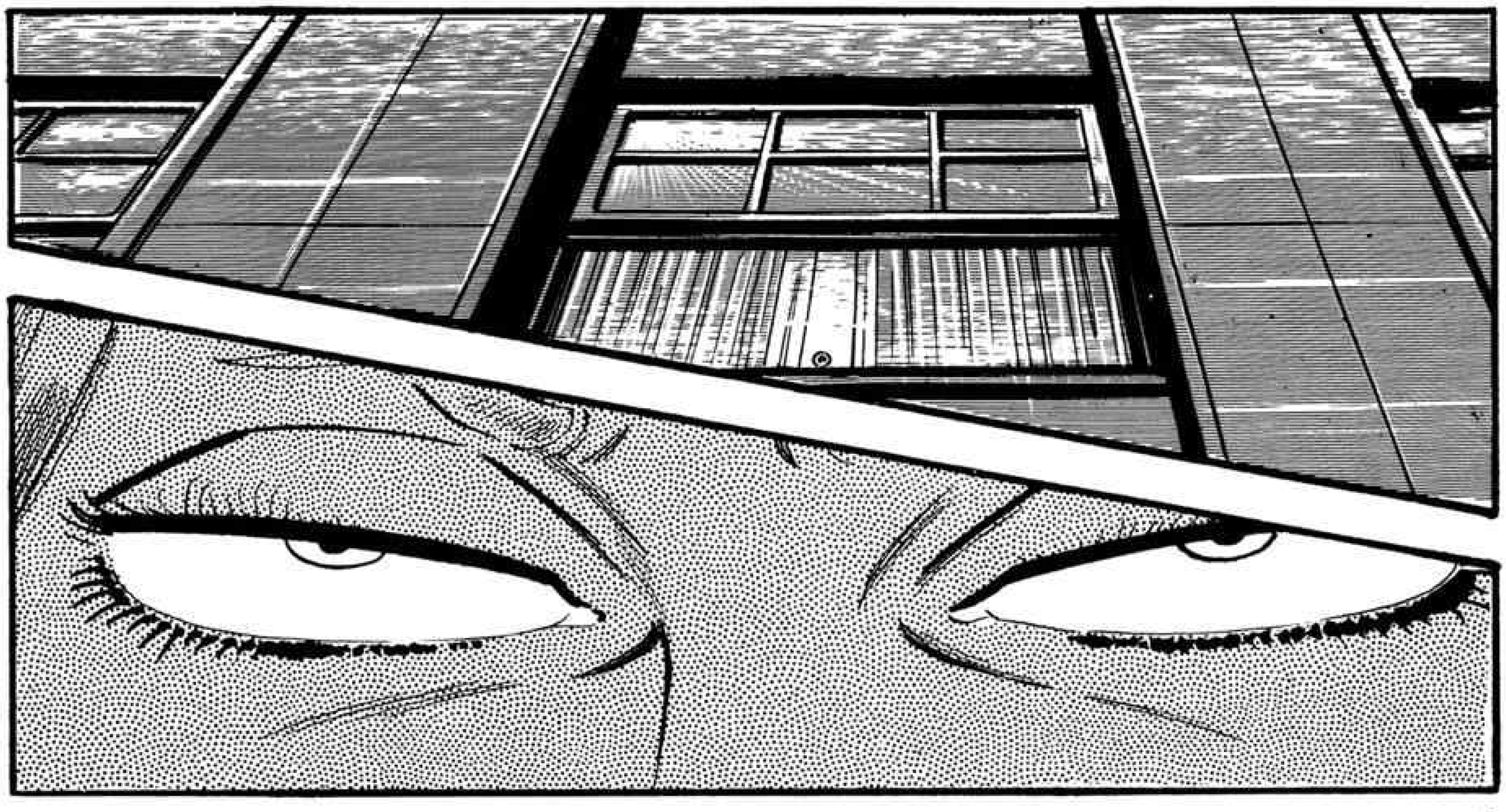

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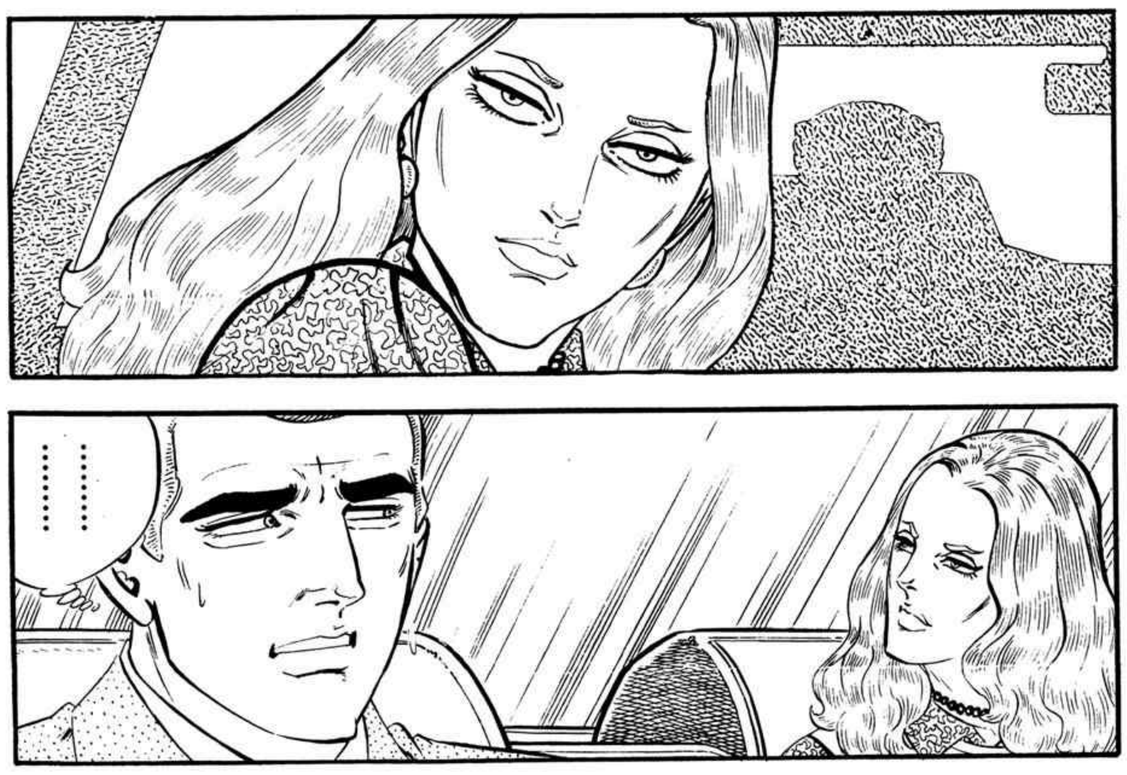

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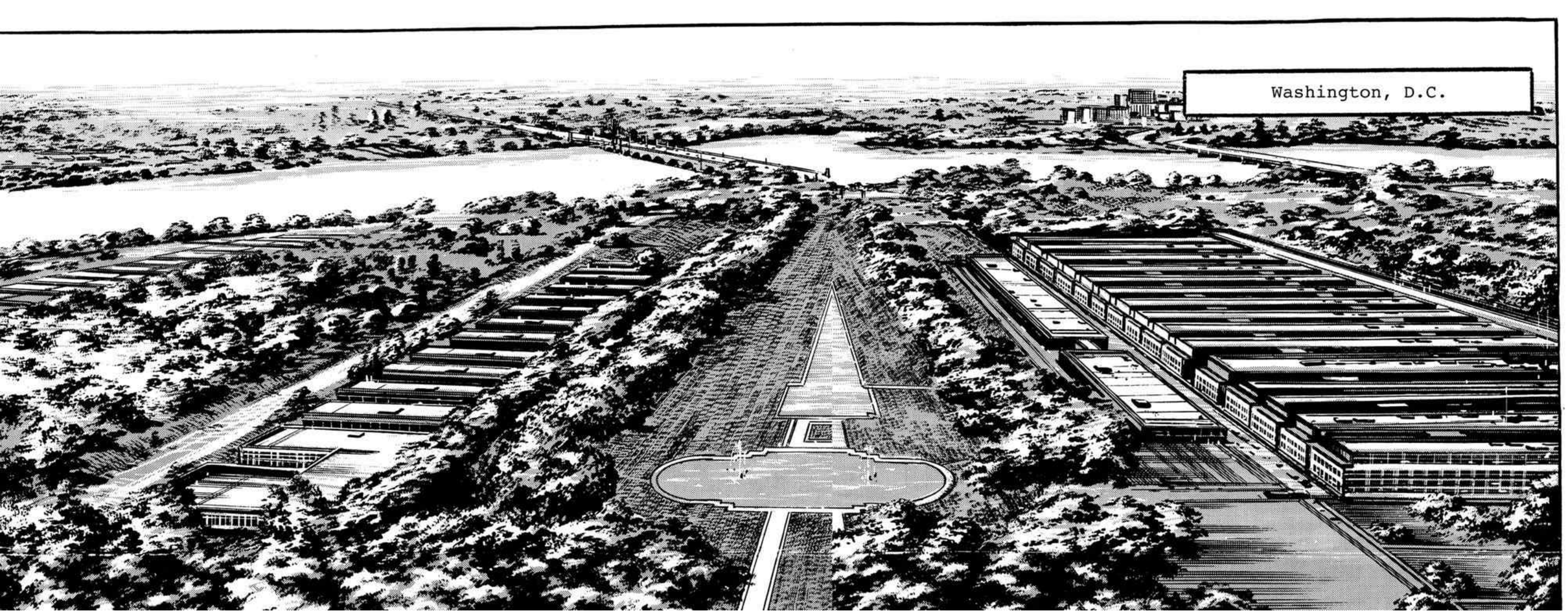
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# PART 1 MOVING TARGET

VASSILY KUPRIN, ASSIGNED TO THE SOVIET CONSULATE IN NEW YORK.

CIA HQ

YOU SEE, HE'S SERVED AS A SORT OF CHANNEL FOR BACKDOOR COMMUNICATION TO THE KREMLIN.

NOW, KUPRIN'S A LOYAL AGENT OF THE SOVIET UNION. BUT ON A STRICTLY INFORMAL BASIS, HE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO AMERICA.

...AND THE NEPHEW OF YEVGENY NEMOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE KGB.

ALTHOUGH A LOW-RANKING ATTACHÉ, HE HAS HIGH-RANKING CONNECTIONS...THE HIGHEST, IN FACT. HE'S THE SON-IN-LAW OF LEONID BREZHNEV...

THE OLD MAN HIMSELF CAN'T YET BE ATTACKED DIRECTLY...

...BUT HIS RELATIVES CAN, PARTICULARLY THOSE SEEN AS THE BENEFICIARIES OF NEPOTISM.

REGRETTABLY, BREZHNEV IS IN ILL HEALTH. NOT ONLY NEMOV, BUT ALSO SEVERAL OF HIS STRONGEST SUPPORTERS ARE THEMSELVES NOW ELDERLY.

MISUNDER-STANDINGS CLEARED UP...

TENSIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED.

THEY'VE GOTTEN ARTICLES IN *PRAVDA* AND *IZVESTIA* DENOUNCING HIS SUPPOSED LAVISH NEW YORK LIFESTYLE. ALL BUT CALLED HIM A BLACK MARKETEER.

...HE HASN'T GOT THE CLOUT TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY SURE WHY THEY CHOSE KUPRIN AS A TARGET...HE'S RELATIVELY CLEAN. IT MAY BE *BECAUSE* HE'S SO LOW-RANKING...

TOMORROW. THEY'VE MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AEROFLOT TO FLY HIM OUT OF JFK.

...GETTING RID OF WHAT'S NO LONGER USEFUL. SO WHEN DOES THIS MAN RETURN HOME...?

AND SO THEY'VE RECALLED HIM TO MOSCOW, TO WHAT'S LIKELY TO BE PRISON AND DISGRACE. NOT ONLY ARE WE LOSING HIM, BUT WE RISK EXPOSING A DISCREET AND SENSITIVE RELATIONSHIP.

...AND HAVE HIM DIE FIRST.

FORTUNATELY, WE CAN TURN THIS WITCH-HUNT TO OUR ADVANTAGE...

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME NOW?

...TOMORROW? THAT'S RATHER SHORT NOTICE, ISN'T IT?

...THE OTHER, AN EX-NAVY SEAL IN TOP CONDITION, WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK WHILE TRYING TO STAB HIM.

ONE, AN EXPERT MARKSMAN, WHO MISSED FROM ACROSS THE STREET...

WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED YOU TO BEGIN WITH. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE BY OUR AGENTS IN THE PAST WEEK.

BUT WE NEED YOU TO DO IT. WILL YOU TAKE THE JOB?

.....

...WE SHOULD TELL YOU THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN EVEN THAT. WE LOST A COUPLE MORE AGENTS WHO WERE TAILING KUPRIN...THE DRIVER SUFFERED A SUDDEN STROKE, AND CRASHED.

.....

FRANKLY, WE'RE DESPERATE, MR. TOGO. HOWEVER YOU DO IT, WE CAN LINK IT TO RUSSIAN ORGANIZED CRIME--*THEY'LL* KNOW IT'S A LIE, BUT THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR TO TRY AND MAKE A MARTYR OF HIM NOW.

...I'LL GO.

ALL RIGHT...

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# PART 2 FAILURE

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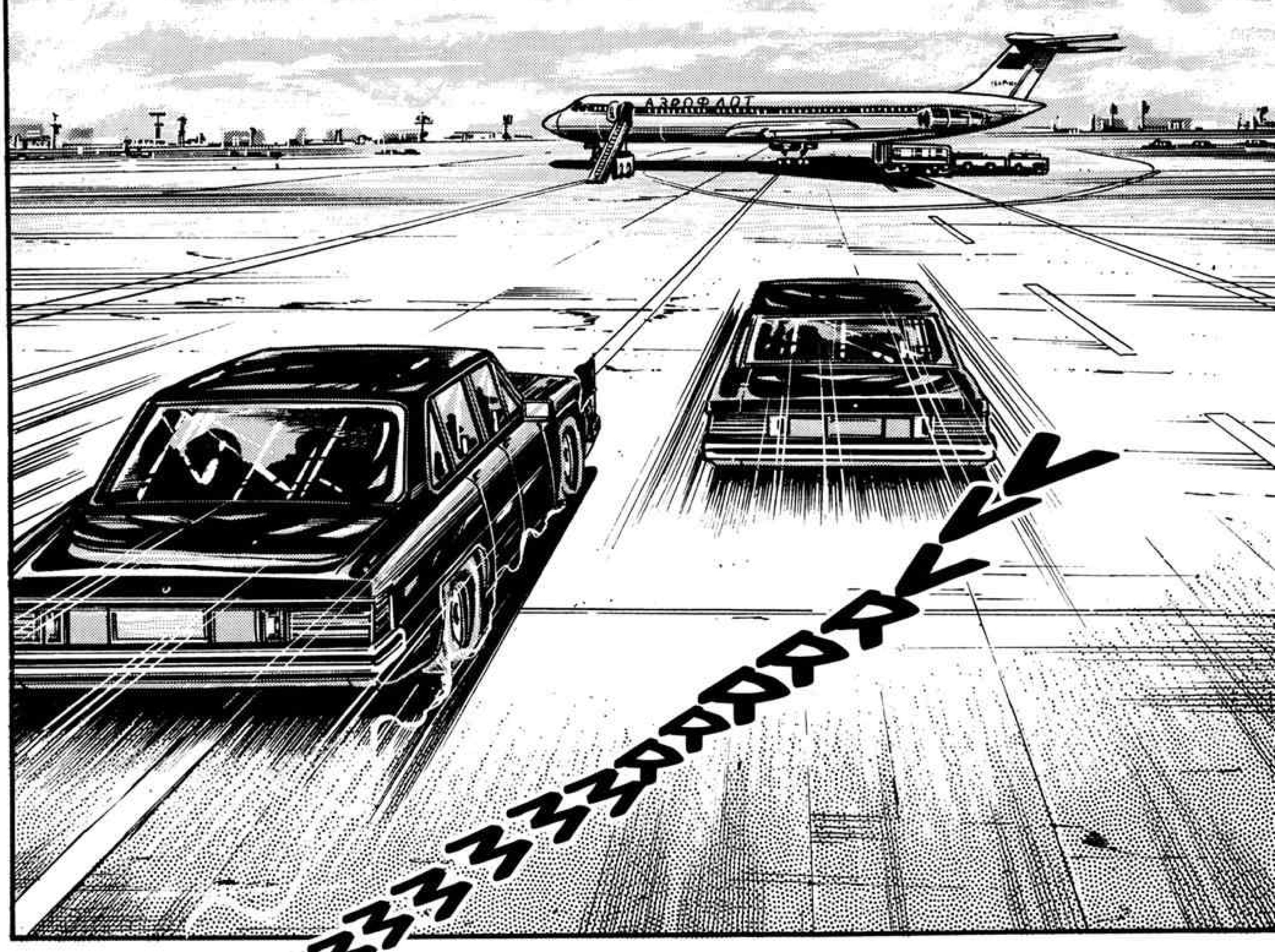
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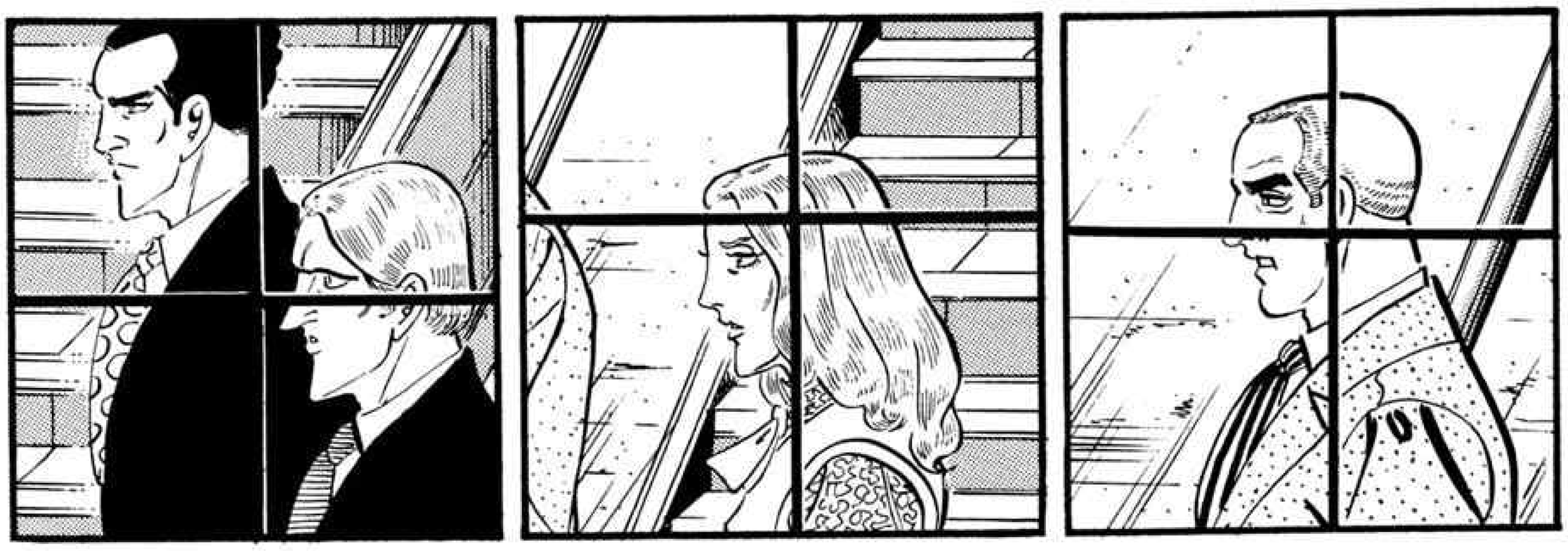

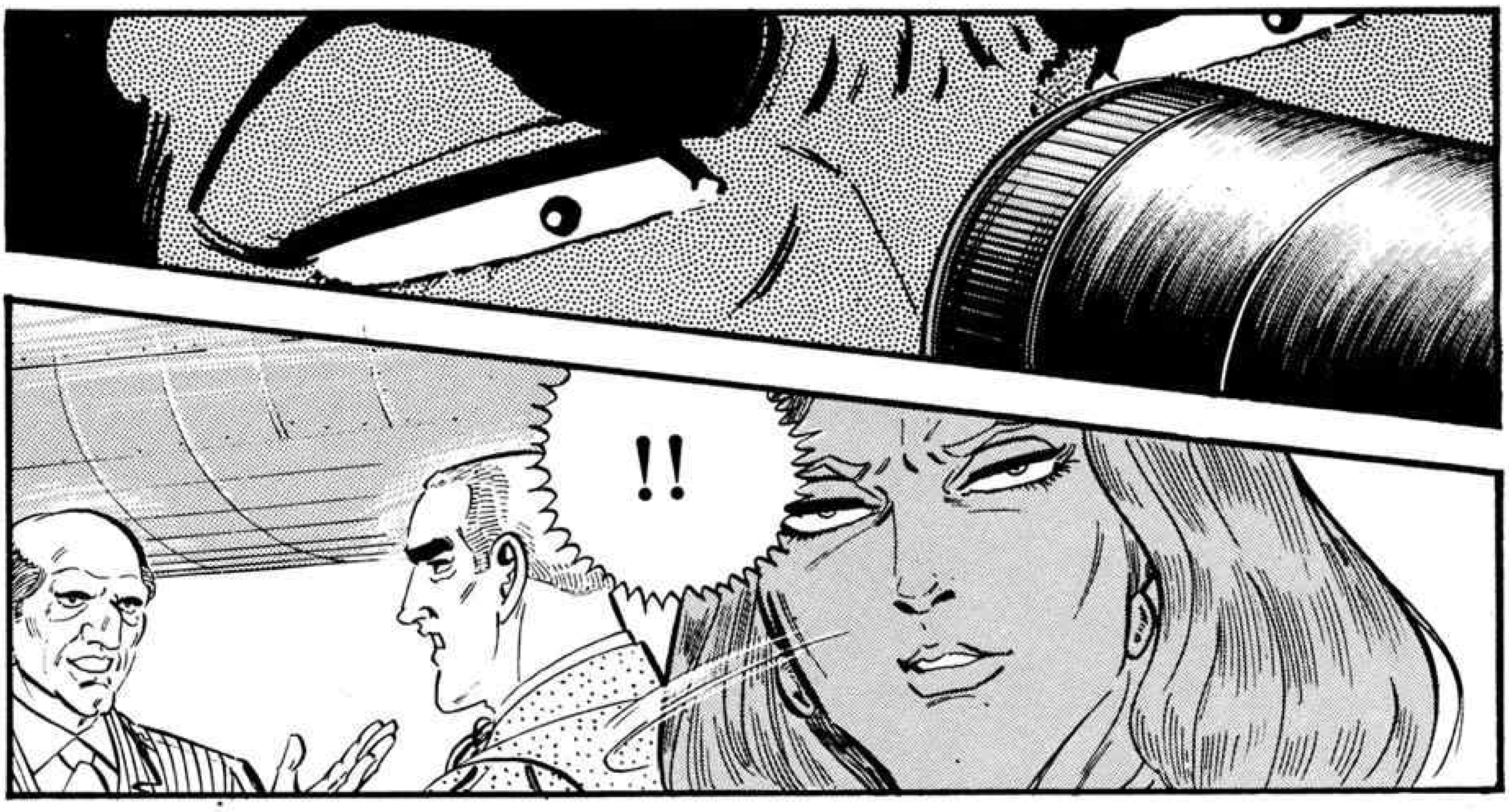
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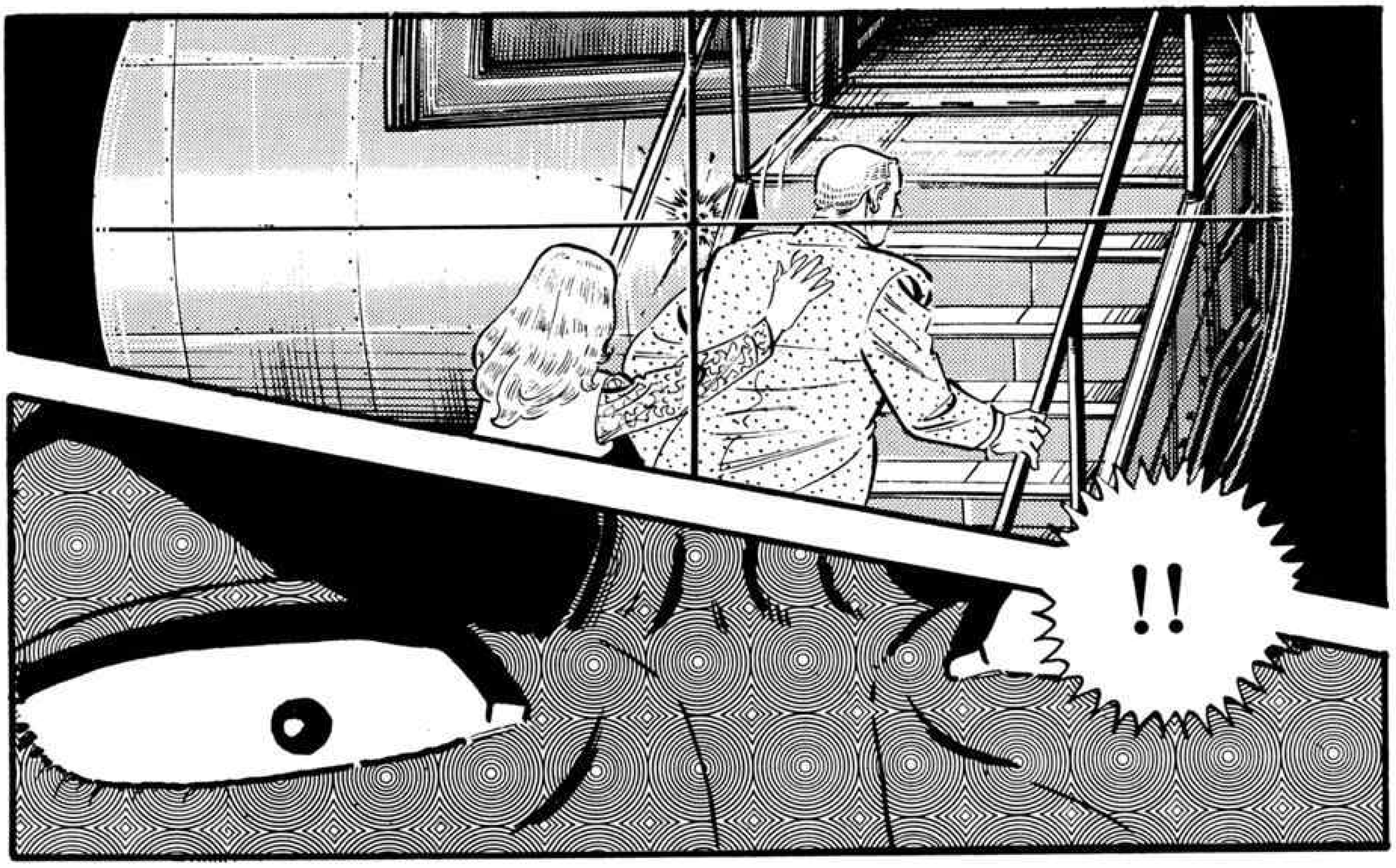

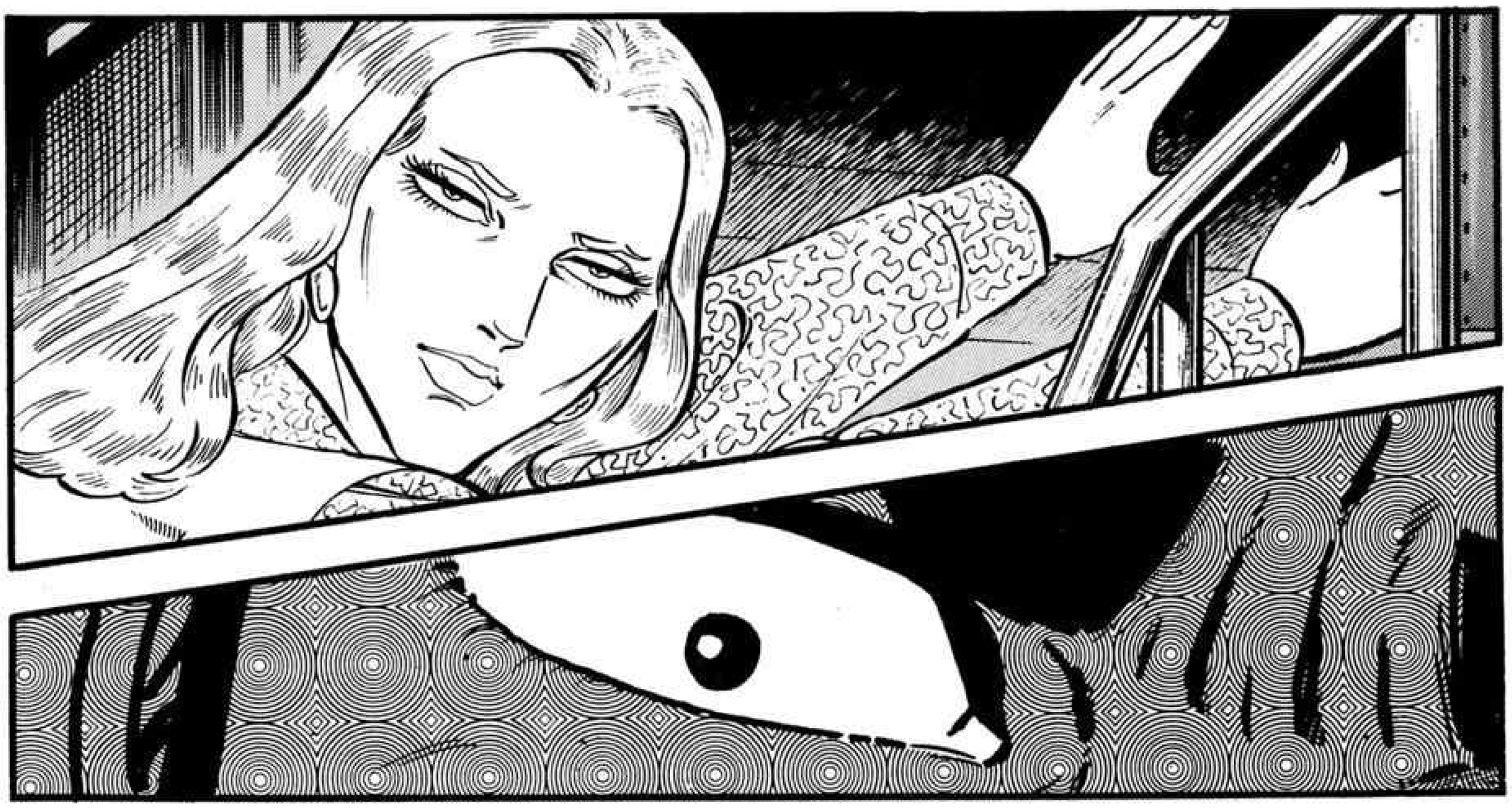

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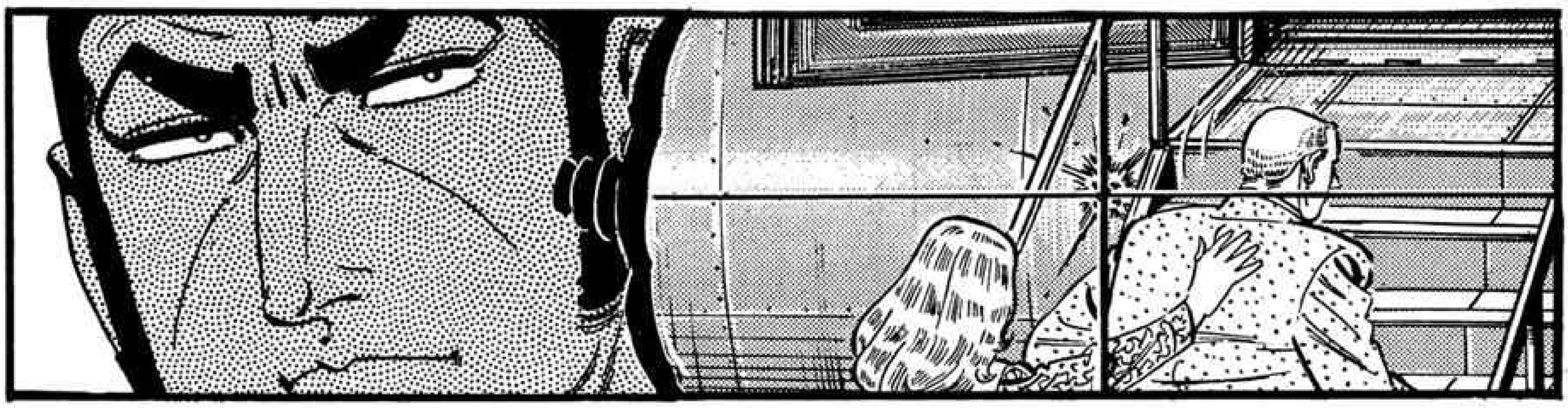

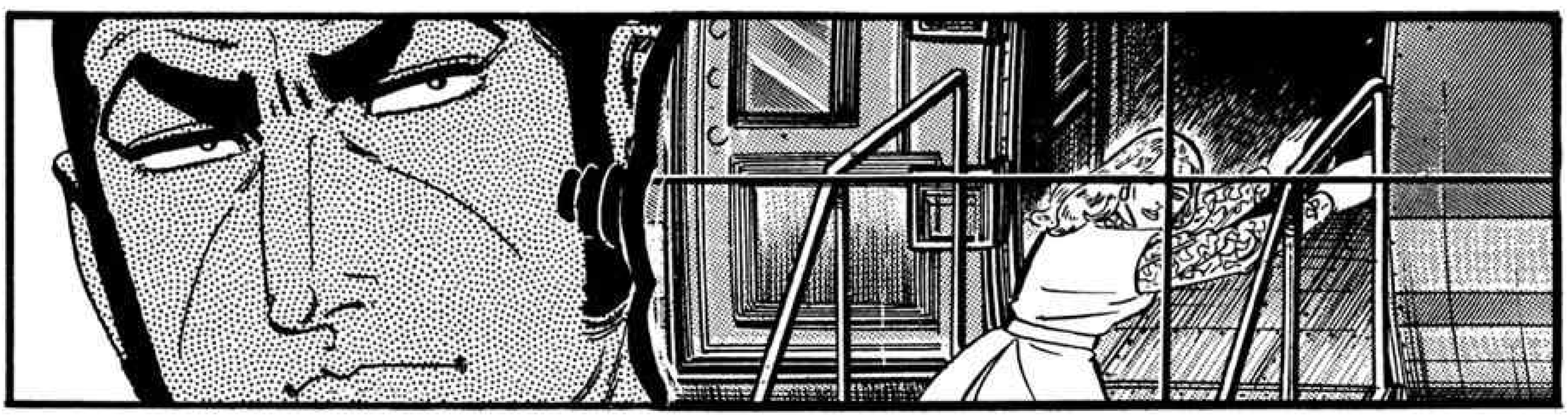

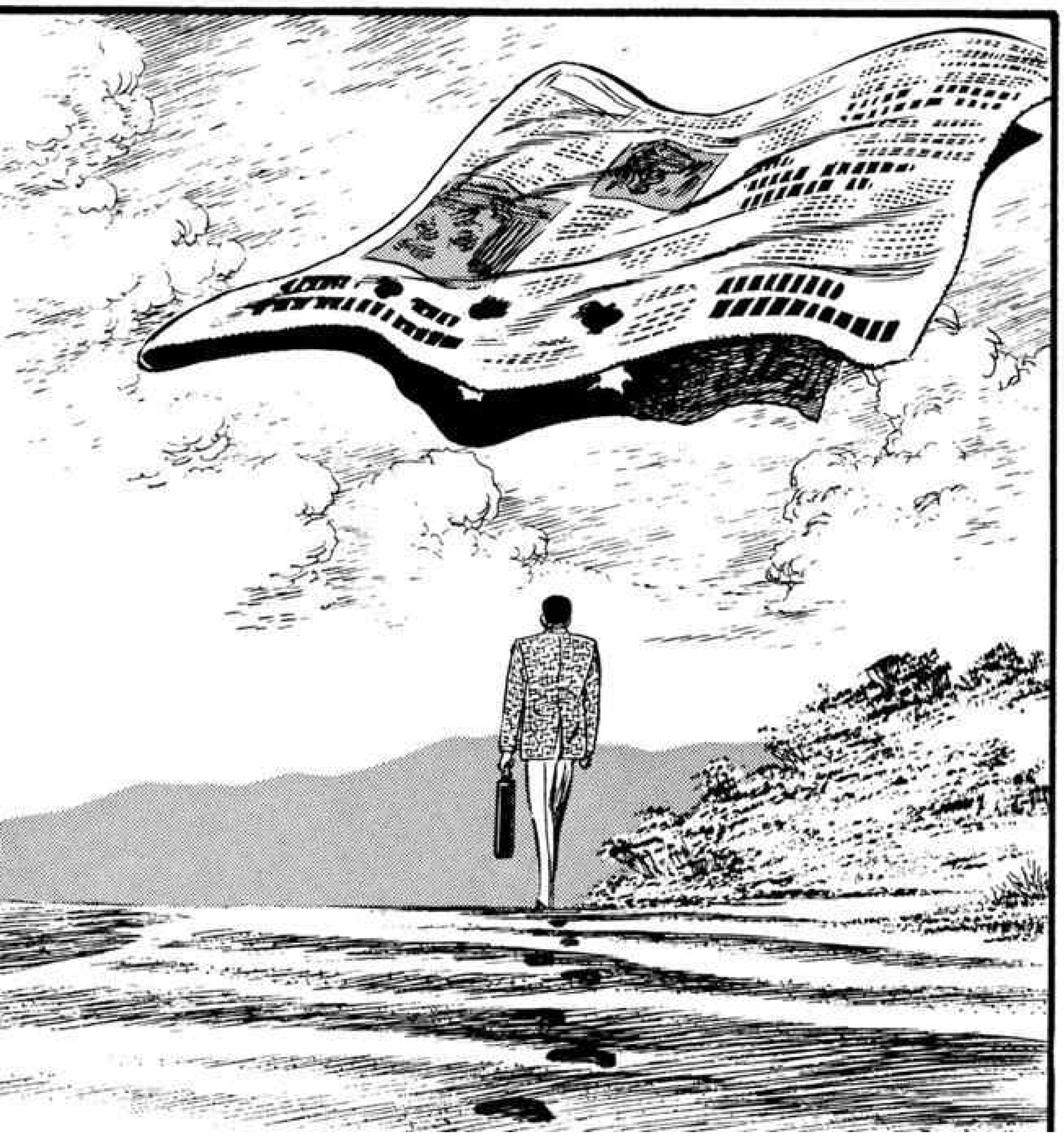

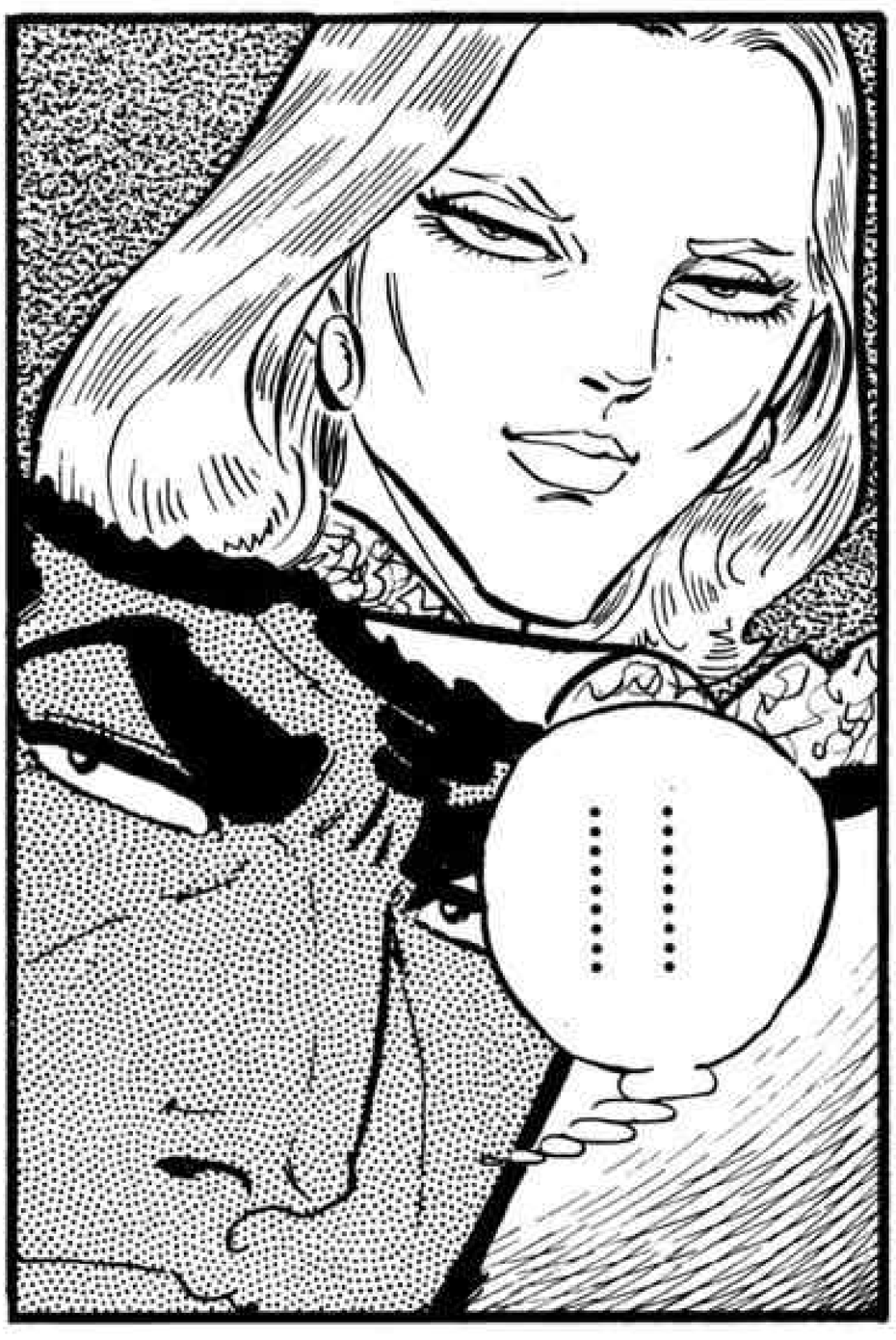

# PART 3 ANNA

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KUPRIN TOOK OFF SAFELY? YOU'RE SURE?

RIGHT... RIGHT.

H-HE *FAILED?!*

ARE YOU SURE OF THIS?

HE ALWAYS DOES IT WITH ONE SHOT!

THAT'S...

*GOLGO 13* FAILED!

HE FAILED.

...AND *BOTH* MISSED.

...HE FIRED *TWO* SHOTS...

I COULD UNDERSTAND IF HE COULDN'T GET TO THE SITE...OR IF THE PLANE HAD LEFT EARLY...BUT APPARENTLY HE WAS THERE ON SCHEDULE...

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TOGO JUST ARRIVED!

HE'S *HERE!*

!!

!!

IS...IS HE...?!

.....

HOLD IT! LET HIM IN! IT'S ALL RIGHT.

GUN TROUBLE? DID IT JAM?

HOW?! HOW DID YOU FAIL?!

I THOUGHT YOU NEVER MEET YOUR CLIENTS TWICE?!

.....

NO...THE GUN WAS FINE.

...FOR YOUR LEGEND... GOLGO 13.

SO MUCH...

DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS JOB WAS?

THE WOMAN ACCOMPANYING KUPRIN. WHO WAS SHE?

I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION.

YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU LIKE. I DIDN'T FULFILL MY END, SO I'M HERE TO RETURN YOUR MONEY.

THAT'S RIGHT...

YOU MEAN *THIS* WOMAN?

THE WOMAN...?

I DON'T KNOW HER NAME OFFHAND. I BELIEVE SHE'S A NURSE OR SOMETHING, SENT ALONG WITH HIS KGB BODYGUARDS.

WAIT.

HOW DEEP A CHECK DID YOU DO ON HER?

"OR SOME-THING"?

.....

...SHE DISTRACTED YOU.

WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING, TOGO? DON'T TELL ME...

WHAT?!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!

IT WAS AS IF SHE KNEW I WOULD BE THERE.

THIS WOMAN LOOKED DIRECTLY TOWARDS MY FIRING POINT... JUST BEFORE I MADE THE FIRST SHOT.

NO. ONLY THAT SHE *KNEW.*

...IT WAS A LEAK ON *OUR* END?!

ARE YOU SUGGEST-ING...

FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT ON THIS WOMAN! WALK IT THROUGH YOURSELF...WE'LL WAIT FOR THE DATA HERE!

...GIBBONS, GET THIS TO THE DIPLOMATIC LIAISON SECTION IMMEDIATELY!

...PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED AS A HEALTH TECHNICIAN AT THE LYTKARINO STATE CLINIC.

ALINA DOVATOR, A.K.A. "ANNA." BORN VORONEZH, RUSSIA...NO BIRTHDATE HERE...

THAT'S ALL THEY HAD...?

THIS IS IT?

?!

WHAT?!

THIS HAS TO BE A MISTAKE!

WAIT... IN *1974*?

...IT *COULD* BE AN ERROR...

WELL...

THEY DIDN'T CLOSE IT DOWN!

DAMNIT, I *TOLD* THEM IT WAS ALL A SHAM!

HOW COULD THEY? WE NEVER TOLD THEM.

MORE LIKELY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S JUST NEVER HEARD THE WORD, "LYTKARINO."

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UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S TOO LATE FOR EITHER OF US TO MAKE GOOD USE OF IT...BUT IT APPEARS THE SOVIETS CERTAINLY HAVE.

AHEM...PARDON US, MR. TOGO. NO...ACTUALLY, I BELIEVE WE MAY BE THE ONES WHO OWE YOU AN APOLOGY. YOU'VE BROUGHT US A DISTURBING BIT OF INTELLIGENCE, ONE WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.

IT'S A SUBURB OF MOSCOW. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO THE CIA?

.....

THE LYTKARINO CLINIC...DOES IT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

IT WAS DETERMINED THE RUSSIANS WERE ENGAGING IN WHAT CAN ONLY BE TERMED A FORM OF "PSYCHIC WARFARE."

THE AGENCY BEGAN *PROJECT PANDORA* AS AN INVESTIGATION.

IN 1965, WE BEGAN TO NOTICE AN UNUSUAL PATTERN OF MENTAL AND NEUROLOGICAL ILLNESS AMONG OUR DIPLOMATIC STAFF POSTED TO THE SOVIET UNION.

AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEY'VE DEVELOPED IT FAR AHEAD OF THE UNITED STATES...FRANKLY, IT'S THE THING THAT CONCERNS US MOST. THE LYTKARINO STATE CLINIC WAS THEIR LEADING RESEARCH CENTER.

THE VERY LACK OF SUPERSTITION ENCOURAGED BY COMMUNIST DOGMA MADE EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION RESPECTABLE AS A *SCIENTIFIC* PURSUIT, MR. TOGO.

...BUT IT WAS SHUT DOWN IN 1971...ITS FUNDING CUT OFF FOR LACK OF RESULTS.

THEY WERE, APPARENTLY...

.....

...LYING.

WE *ARE* SORRY.

MR. TOGO!

.....

...AND HAVE YOU CONTINUE IN MOSCOW.

I'M ASKING YOU IF WE CAN EXTEND THE CONTRACT...

KUPRIN ISN'T DUE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE KGB BOARD OF INQUIRY FOR ANOTHER FIVE DAYS.

...AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS.

YOU GAVE YOUR GUARANTEE BASED ON OUR FAULTY INFORMATION. SO YOUR RECORD IS STILL PERFECT...

THIS IS MY BUSINESS NOW.

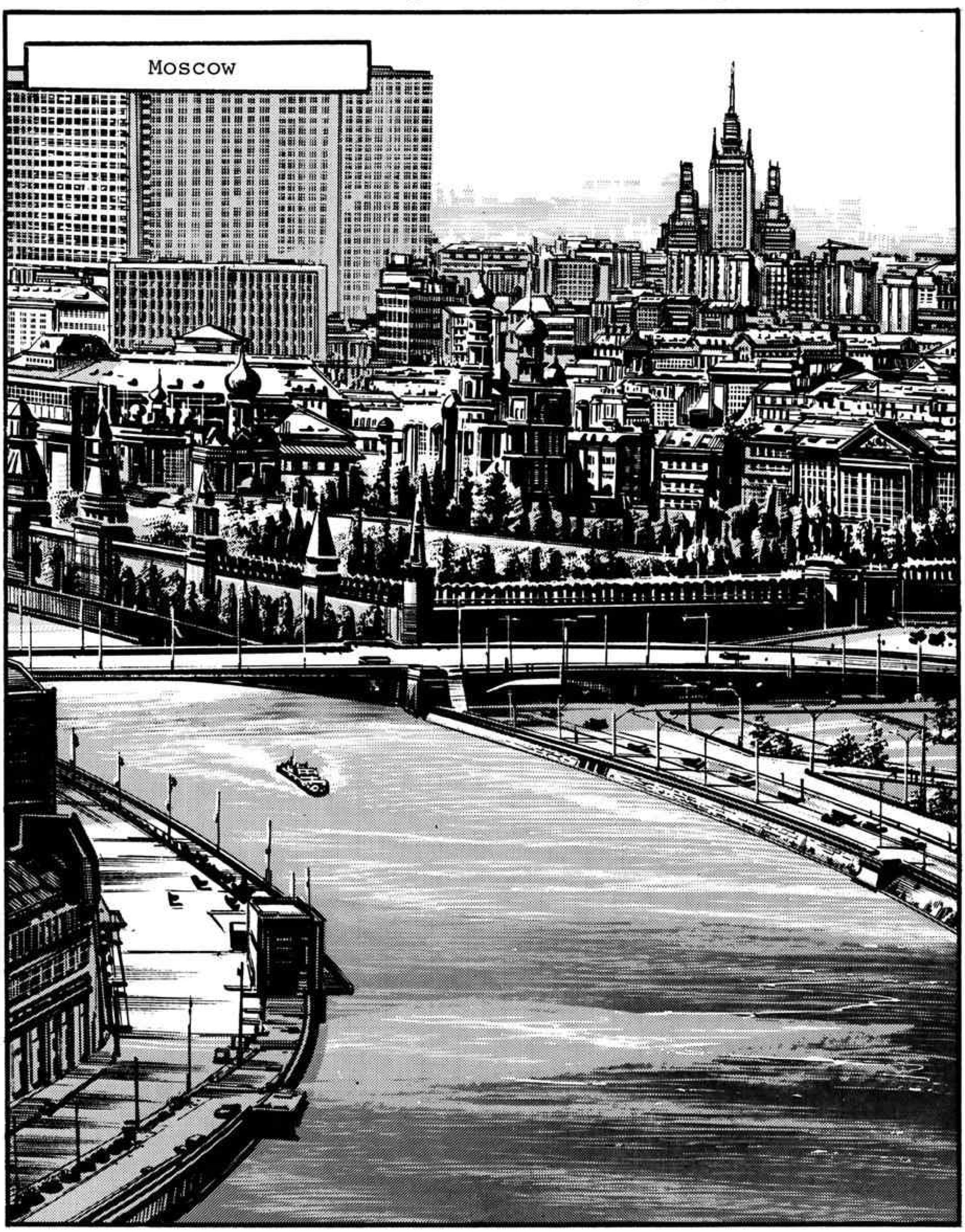
LET ME PUT IT ANOTHER WAY.

DON'T THINK THAT'S QUITE FAIR...GOLGO 13. YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD FAILED YOUR CLIENT.

...FIVE DAYS FROM NOW.

WE'LL SEE...

# PART 4 DISTANT PRESENCE



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KUPRIN WILL BE READY WHEN WE NEED HIM.

HE'S GIVEN US NO TROUBLE, CHAIRMAN ANDROPOV. I THINK HE UNDERSTANDS THE SERIOUSNESS OF HIS SITUATION.

HOW IS KUPRIN?

AND WE'RE ALL DETERMINED THAT IT SHOULD BE YOU TO LEAD THE SOVIET UNION.

I AGREE, YURI VLADIMIROVICH.

WHAT KUPRIN SAYS MAY VERY WELL SWAY THE SUCCESSION.

IT CAN'T BE RUSHED, BUT HIS TESTIMONY WILL BE VITAL. BREZHNEV'S STROKE WAS JUST WEEKS AGO.

...THAT'S TURNED IT FROM A TWITCH INTO A SCIENCE.

NOT SO NEW, COMRADE CHAIRMAN. IT'S YOUR LONG SUPPORT FOR OUR RESEARCH...

AH, OUR DEAR ANNA. I HATED TO RISK HER OVERSEAS...

...YET SHE PASSED THE ULTIMATE TEST. IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE CIA WOULD HIRE HIM...ONCE THEY'D COMMITTED THEIR REQUIRED QUOTA OF BLUNDERS.

I'LL BE LEAVING THE KGB IN YOUR CAPABLE HANDS, GENTLEMEN.

SUSLOV IS DEAD... KIRILENKO'S OUT OF THE WAY SINCE HIS RELATIVE DEFECTED TO ENGLAND. WE CAN OUTMANEUVER CHERNENKO WITH EASE.

IT'S IN GOOD SHAPE AFTER MY FIFTEEN YEARS AT THE WHEEL...BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE TAKING IT DOWN A STRANGE NEW ROAD, *eh?*

...I BET IT WAS THE FIRST EXPRESSION HE EVER *HAD!*

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN HIS EXPRESSION WHEN HE MISSED...*EBAT' MENYA V ROT...*

IT WAS EXQUISITE, COMRADES, TRULY EXQUISITE...IN JUST THE LAST YEAR HE'S EMBARRASSED US IN POLAND AND WITH THE AFFAIR AT THE VATICAN.

HA HA... *PAST' ZAXLOPNI!*

*HA HA HA!*

SHALL WE SEND HIM CONDOLEN-CES...?

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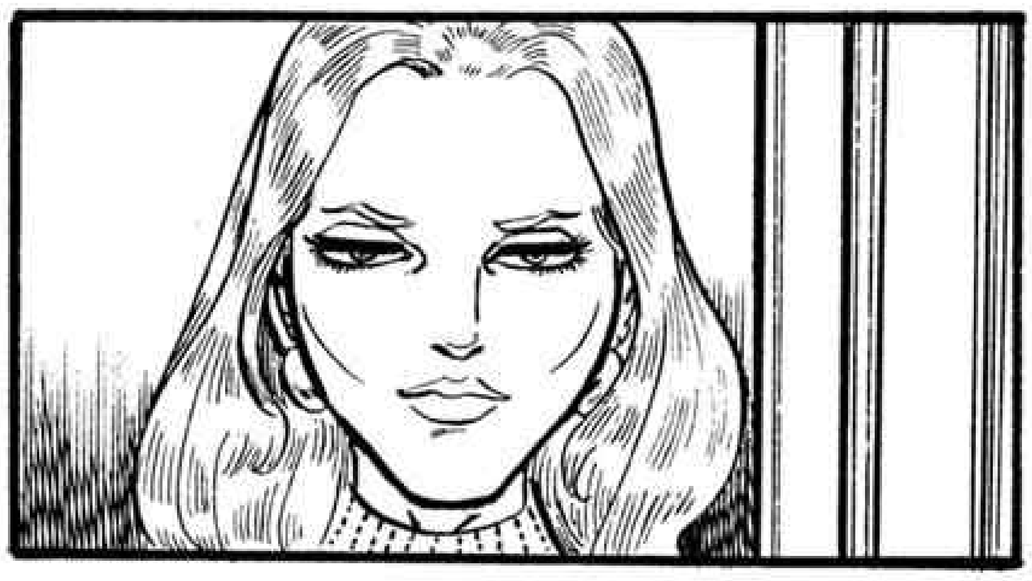
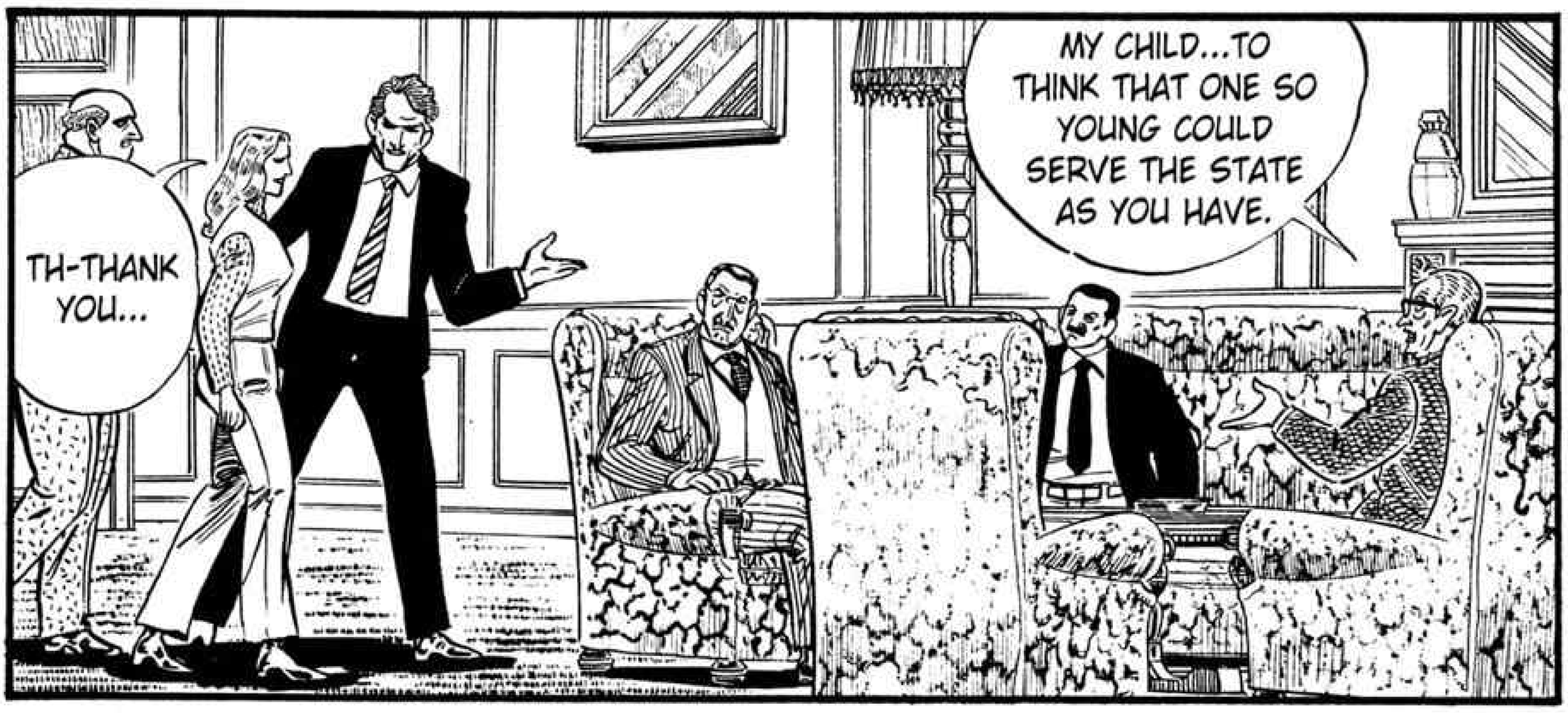


AH, NIKOLAI.
COMRADE CHAIRMAN, GENTLEMEN...

ANNA, GOOD WORK!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMRADE DIRECTOR.


TH-THANK YOU...
MY CHILD...TO THINK THAT ONE SO YOUNG COULD SERVE THE STATE AS YOU HAVE.

SIR...IS HE JAPANESE?
A HORRIFIC MAN.

TELL ME, ANNA...WHAT DID HE FEEL LIKE...?

OR ELSE... HE IS ALSO A PSYCHIC ...

...HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN ZEN...

HE MUST...

HE SEEMS TO BE JAPANESE, BUT HIS BIRTHPLACE IS UNKNOWN...WHY DO YOU ASK?

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WHAT?!

IS...IS THAT TRUE, ANNA?!

YES, SIR.

I KNEW HE'D BE AT THE AIRPORT, SINCE IT WAS HIS LAST CHANCE...

THERE IS A SENSE OF SELF-CONTROL ABOUT HIM... IT'S EVEN STRONGER THAN ANYTHING HIS DOSSIER WOULD SUGGEST.

...I DIDN'T NOTICE HIS PRESENCE AT ALL.

...YET UNTIL RIGHT BEFORE HE FIRED...

IT ROSE UNTIL HE TENSED TO PULL THE TRIGGER...AND THEN SUDDENLY, IT DROPPED AWAY.

I COULD FEEL HIS GAZE INSIDE ME. FOR A FEW SECONDS, MY MIND WAS PARALYZED.

BUT HE'S EXPOSED HIMSELF TO ME NOW...GOLGO 13, UPON ACQUIRING THE TARGET, CONCENTRATED ALL OF HIS WILLPOWER UPON IT.

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...THAT WAS ALL IT TOOK.

IT WAS THAT, IN BOTH MOMENTS, WHICH WARNED ME TO MOVE KUPRIN. EVER SO SLIGHTLY...

...AND THEY'LL DO WHAT I TELL THEM.

SHOULD I ENCOUNTER HIM AGAIN, I'LL KNOW...

JUST AS IMPORTANT, I WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE IN THE MEN AROUND ME. THEY HARDLY FLINCHED AS THE BULLETS CRACKED PAST.

NOT SCORING 100% IS A HELL OF A LONG WAY FROM SCORING ZERO.

DON'T JOKE *TOO* HARD, ANDREI.

HE WON'T DARE EVEN TRY.

WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT HER?

NONE EVER HAVE, UNTIL OUR ANNA.

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TOP AGENTS... SPECIAL FORCES HAVE TRIED TO DEFEAT HIM BEFORE.

I'VE BEEN WATCHING HER SINCE SHE WAS A YOUNG GIRL.

YES, SIR!

FOR NOW, I ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE YOUR VIGILANCE DURING THIS CRUCIAL TIME.

WHEN THIS AFFAIR IS OVER, I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE SOME LEAVE WITH HER.

AH! WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING ONLY DUTY, BUT, MY DEAR, HOW IS YOUR MOTHER? WHENEVER I LOOK AT YOU, I SEE SUCH DEVOTION...

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS THINKING OF ME... COMRADE CHAIRMAN.

SHE'LL BE VERY HAPPY, COMRADE CHAIRMAN.

REALLY, SIR? HOW WONDERFUL!

AH, INDEED.

IT'S TIME FOR THE TOUR OF NEW FACILITIES, SIR.

GOLGO 13...

...COME IF YOU WILL.

HIS PARTNER, ATTEMPTING TO DRAW A COPY OF IT, IS LOCATED IN KRASNOYARSK...

THE MAN YOU SEE THERE IS DRAWING A CIRCUITRY DIAGRAM.

COMRADE CHAIRMAN, THIS WING IS DEVOTED TO REMOTE VIEWING.

...3350 KILOMETERS AWAY.

THAT'S OUR GOAL, SIR.

AT PRESENT, COURIERS ARE STILL MORE RELIABLE. BUT WE ENVISION A DAY NOT TOO FAR OFF IN WHICH BLUEPRINTS AND SCHEMATICS CAN BE SENT BY THOUGHT ALONE.

HMM...

WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT LINKAGE CAN CREATE A PHYSICAL RESONANCE IN EITHER SUBJECT.

YOU SEE THE MEDICAL MONITORS.

IN THE 1970S, OUR MEAN SUCCESS RATE AT THE COMMUNICATION OF WORDS, CONCEPTS, AND SIMPLE IMAGES WAS 59.8%.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE AVERAGED A 47.3% SUCCESS RATE IN THE MENTAL TRANSMISSION OF COMPLEX VISUAL PATTERNS.

HEART RATE, BLOOD PRESSURE...IN THEORY, THEN, ONE SUBJECT CAN ALTER THEM IN THE OTHER.

FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE... THE NEXT DEMONSTRATION WILL INVOLVE THE USE OF BRIGHT LIGHT.

SWITCH ON.

HISSSSS

THIS IS A NEW APPLICATION, AND AS YET WE HAVEN'T MADE IT TO WORK BEYOND ABOUT 1000 KM. HIS PARTNER IS IN DONETSK.

NEVERTHELESS, I ASSURE YOU, COMRADE CHAIRMAN, THAT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THAT MAN IS ALSO GRIMACING, SUDDENLY UNABLE TO SEE.

IT IS OUR INTENT TO REFINE THIS TECHNIQUE...USED CAREFULLY, WITH FINESSE, AND ON A SUITABLY VULNERABLE TARGET...

...THAT TARGET COULD AT A CRITICAL MOMENT BE CONFUSED, DISORIENTED...EVEN KILLED.

...YET THEY TOO ARE ABLE TO "RECEIVE" DISTANT MENTAL TRANSMISSIONS.

SLEEP IS NO REFUGE. THESE SUBJECTS ARE UNCONSCIOUS...

PLEASE OBSERVE THE ELECTROENCEPHALO-GRAM...THE ABNORMALITY OF THE SIGNALS. AT TOP ARE LOW AMPLITUDE BETA WAVES...

ONE POSSIBLE SCENARIO, COMRADE CHAIRMAN, IS TO SURVEY AN ENEMY BASE VIA REMOTE VIEWING...THEN INDUCE FEAR AND DELIRIUM PSYCHICALLY INTO ITS PERSONNEL.

IT FALLS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A SINGLE SOVIET SOLDIER.

THIS PROMISES 24-HOUR CONTACT AND CONTROL.

...ASSOCIATED WITH WAKING CONCEN-TRATION.

...OF THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ...?

HOW FAR COULD IT BE TAKEN? IN THEORY, COULD WE USE THIS METHOD TO INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS...

...TO CHANGE THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION.

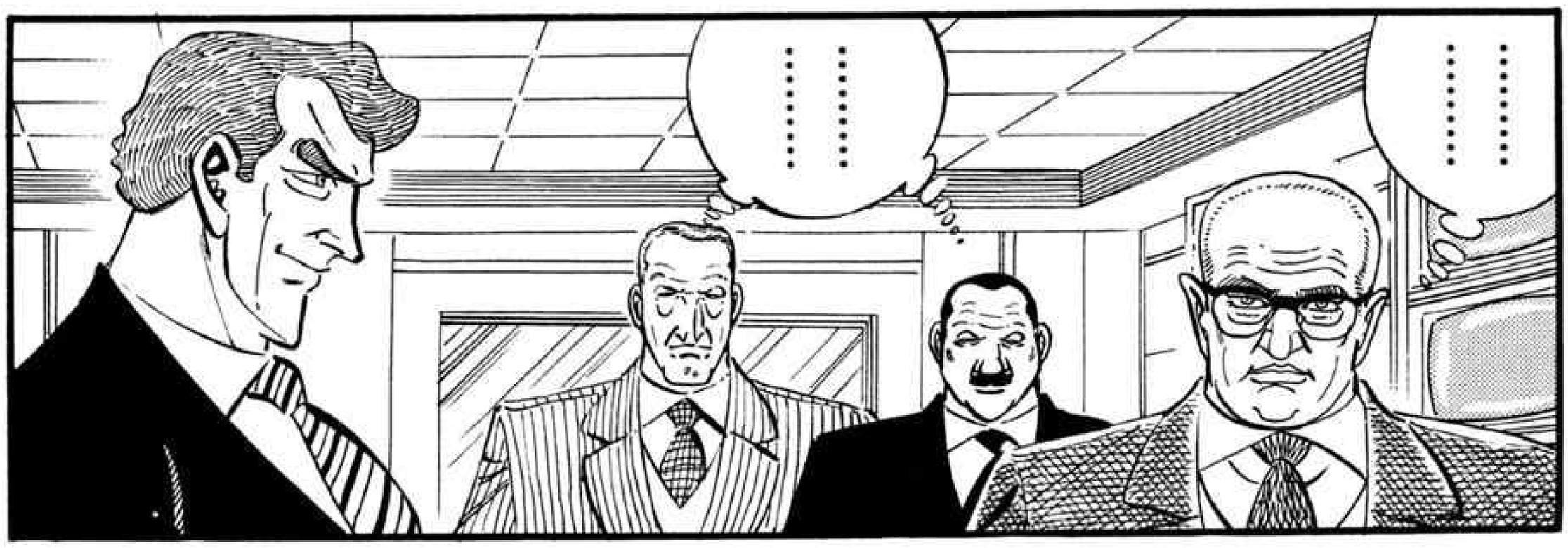
HIS POWERS WORKED FROM NO MORE THAN A FEW METERS' DISTANCE. YET THAT SMALL SPACE WAS ENOUGH, CHAIRMAN ANDROPOV...

NOT ONLY IN THEORY, BUT IN REALITY. WE UNDERSTOOD THESE GIFTS VERY POORLY IN 1945, BUT WE WERE STILL ABLE TO SEND ONE OF OUR EARLY PRODIGIES TO THE YALTA CONFERENCE.

TODAY, ANOTHER TIRED OLD MAN SITS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

...AND SHOWED A SURPRISING SYMPATHY FOR STALIN.

ROOSEVELT IGNORED CHURCHILL...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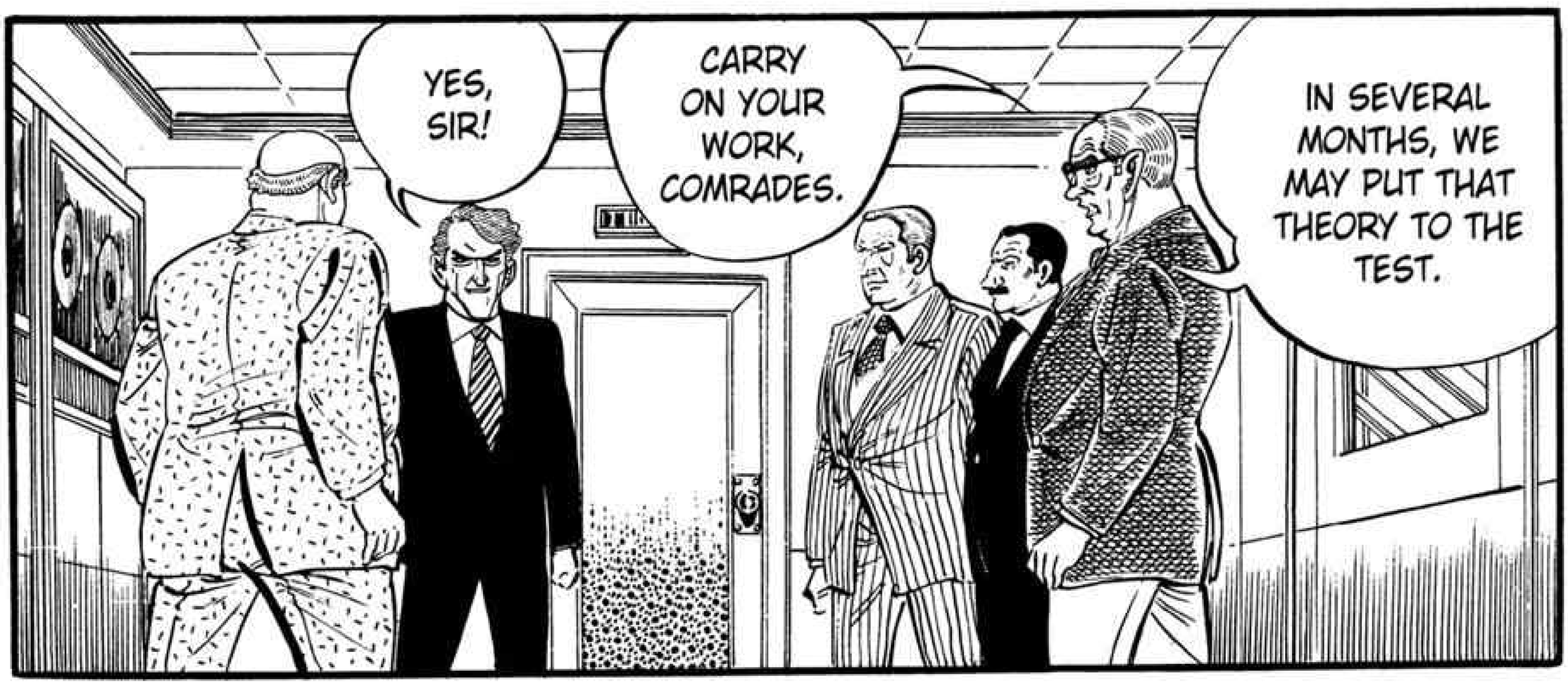
YES, SIR!
CARRY ON YOUR WORK, COMRADES.
IN SEVERAL MONTHS, WE MAY PUT THAT THEORY TO THE TEST.

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CAN I HELP YOU...?

HI!

PART 5

TRUE KNOWLEDGE

HOW MUCH?

FINE.

THAT'S ONE WEEK.

I'D LIKE TO ATTEND YOUR SHORTEST COURSE.

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY, SIR! MASTER PARABA'S FREE FOR THE NEXT HALF HOUR!

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CAN I START NOW?

$150, SIR.

HANG ON...

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BUT A CRIMINAL WHO IS STILL *ACTIVE*, EMANATING HIS MURDEROUS WILL, IS RARE INDEED.

...ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE COME HERE...INCLUDING CRIMINALS WHO REGRET THEIR PAST.

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...YET THERE'S NOT A SHADOW UPON IT.

YOU HAVE A REMARKABLE SOUL, YOUNG MAN. YOU'VE KILLED SO MANY PEOPLE...

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TELL ME, DO YOU WANT TO USE YOGA TO KILL...?

FIRST, EXTEND YOUR SPINE, AND RELAX YOUR SHOULDERS. I WILL TEACH YOU A MEDITATION POSTURE...

YOU NEED NOT ANSWER. SIT BEFORE ME.

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MONEY IS NO OBJECT.

TEACH ME A WEEK'S WORTH TODAY.

...THAT IS THE SIXTH STAGE-- *DHARANA.*

THE FIFTH, *PRATYAHARA*, IS THE CONTROL OF THE SENSES, ELIMINATING DISTRACTION...THEN, AND THEN ONLY, ARE YOU PREPARED TO CONCENTRATE UPON A SINGLE POINT...

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MONEY IS NO OBJECT, INDEED. LISTEN, YOUNG MAN. THE SAGE PATANJALI TAUGHT THAT THERE ARE EIGHT STEPS IN YOGA. THE FIRST, *YAMA*, MEANS RESTRAINING FROM EVIL. THE SECOND, *NIYAMA*, DEMANDS POSITIVE ACTIONS.

THE THIRD, *ASANA*, IS THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE BODY. THE FOURTH, *PRANAYAMA*, IS THE CONTROL OF THE BREATH.

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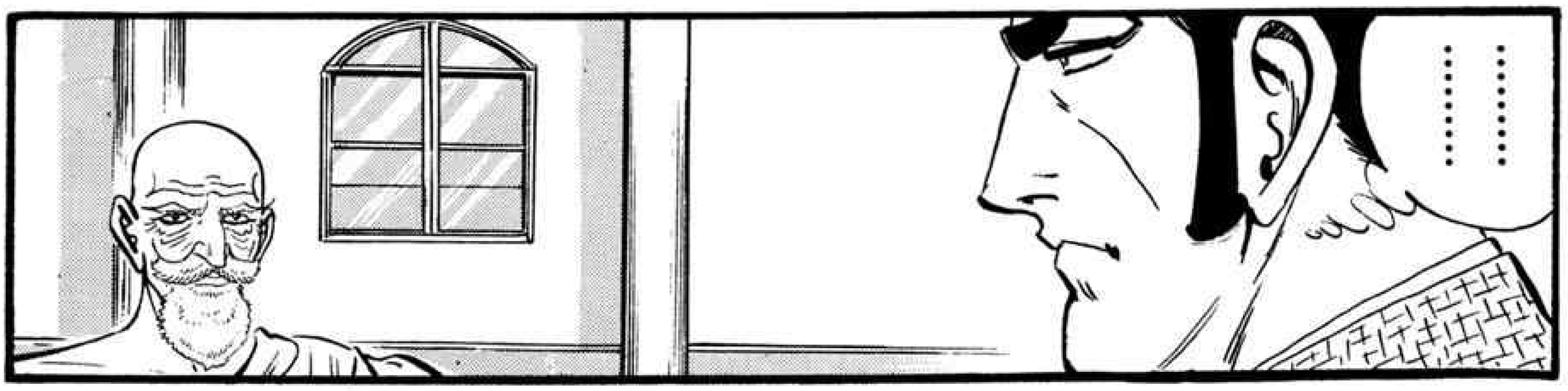
...YOU HAVE MASTERED THIS STAGE LONG AGO.

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE, AND YET I SEE...

I HAVE NOTHING I CAN TEACH YOU.

...THEN TEACH ME THE SEVENTH AND THE EIGHTH.

IF SO...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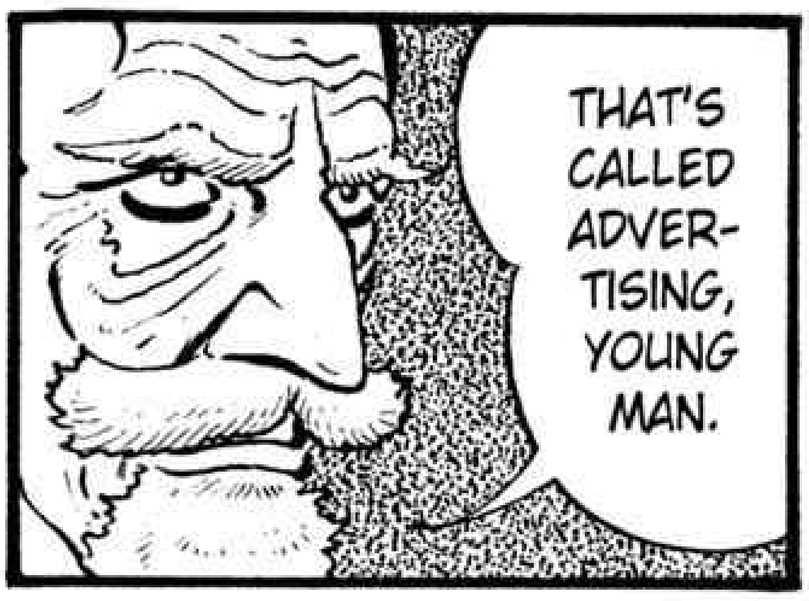
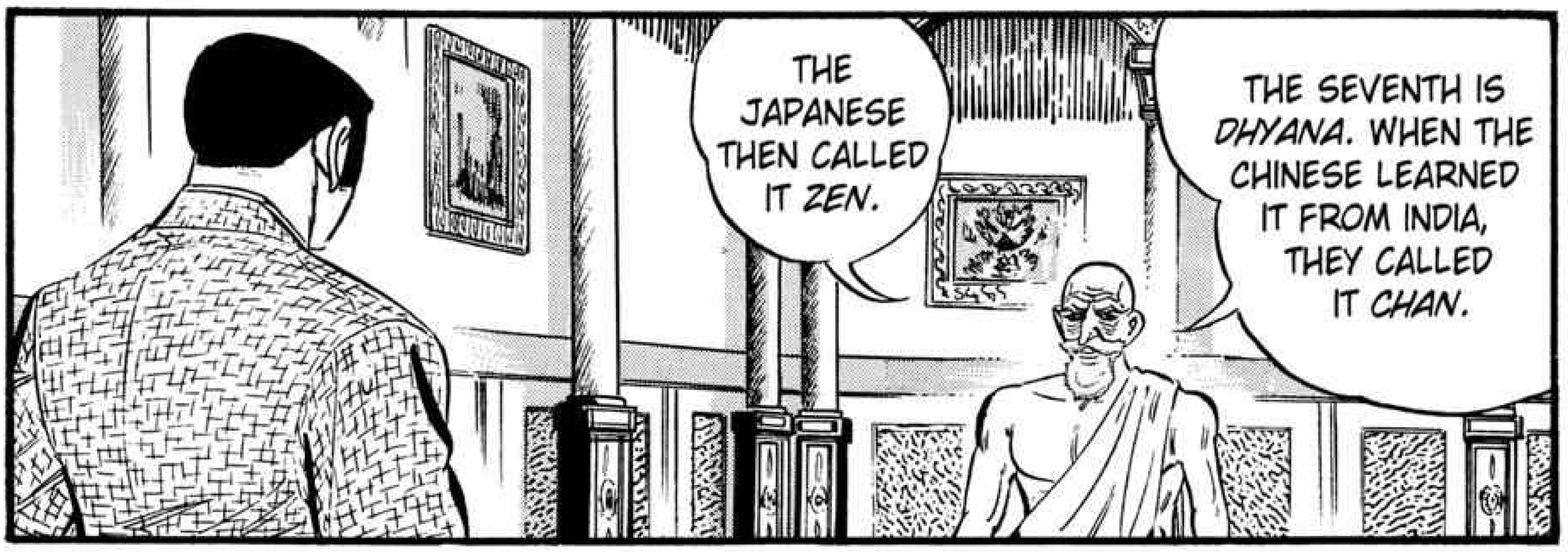
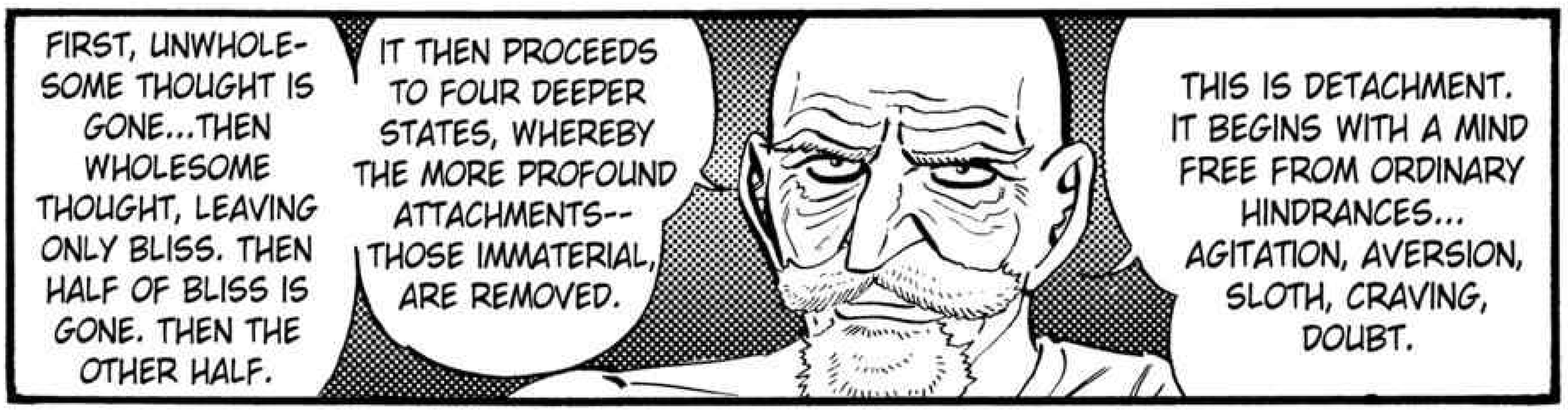
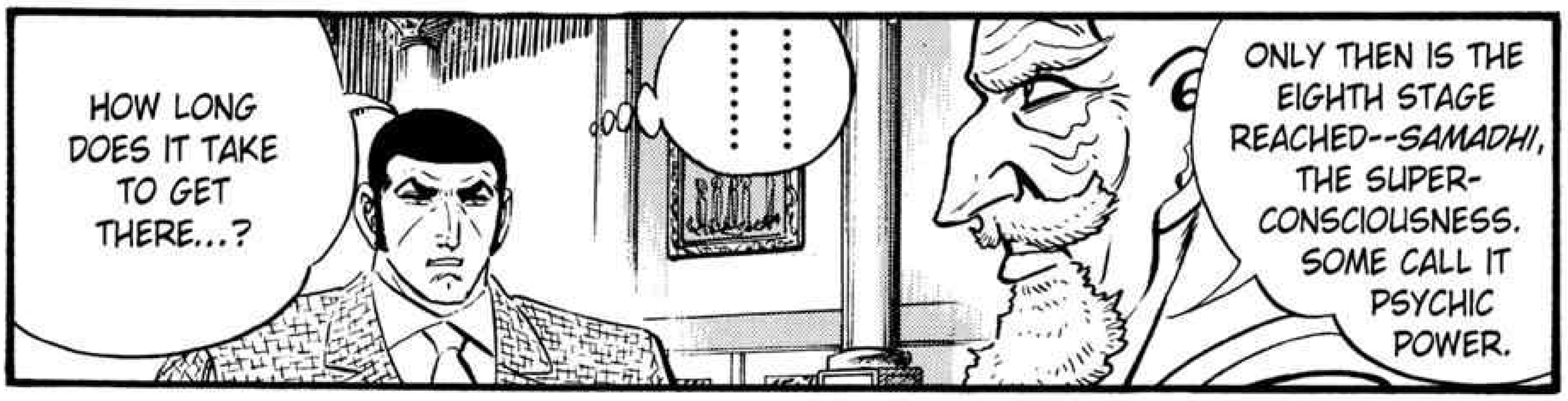

THAT'S CALLED ADVER-TISING, YOUNG MAN.

"ANY WORRY YOU MAY HAVE, ALL ARE WELCOME. ANY WHO COME WILL BE ABLE TO MEDITATE."
YOUR BROCHURE SAID...


THE JAPANESE THEN CALLED IT ZEN.
THE SEVENTH IS DHYANA. WHEN THE CHINESE LEARNED IT FROM INDIA, THEY CALLED IT CHAN.


FIRST, UNWHOLE-SOME THOUGHT IS GONE...THEN WHOLESOME THOUGHT, LEAVING ONLY BLISS. THEN HALF OF BLISS IS GONE. THEN THE OTHER HALF.
IT THEN PROCEEDS TO FOUR DEEPER STATES, WHEREBY THE MORE PROFOUND ATTACHMENTS-- THOSE IMMATERIAL, ARE REMOVED.
THIS IS DETACHMENT. IT BEGINS WITH A MIND FREE FROM ORDINARY HINDRANCES... AGITATION, AVERSION, SLOTH, CRAVING, DOUBT.


HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THERE...?
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ONLY THEN IS THE EIGHTH STAGE REACHED--SAMADHI, THE SUPER-CONSCIOUSNESS. SOME CALL IT PSYCHIC POWER.

MOREOVER, *DHYANA* AND *SAMADHI* ARE NOT SKILLS. THEY ARE NOT LEARNED.

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ONE DAY IS NOT POSSIBLE.

IT TOOK ME 40 YEARS.

I KNOW WHAT YOU SEEK. BUT IT IS A CONTRADICTION. IN ORDER TO APPROACH AN ENEMY UNDETECTED, YOU MUST SHUT OFF YOUR COGNIZANCE. BUT THEN YOU CANNOT KILL YOUR ENEMY.

...BEFORE YOU CAN LAND THE BLOW.

IF YOU TRY, THE STRENGTH OF YOUR THOUGHT WILL FLY STRAIGHT FOR THE TARGET...

THEY PROCEED-- OR DO NOT PROCEED--FROM THE SIX PREVIOUS STEPS.

THAT IS WHY I SAID I COULD TEACH YOU NOTHING.

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Hmm.

YOU CANNOT DO IT.

IT IS A CONTRADIC-TION.

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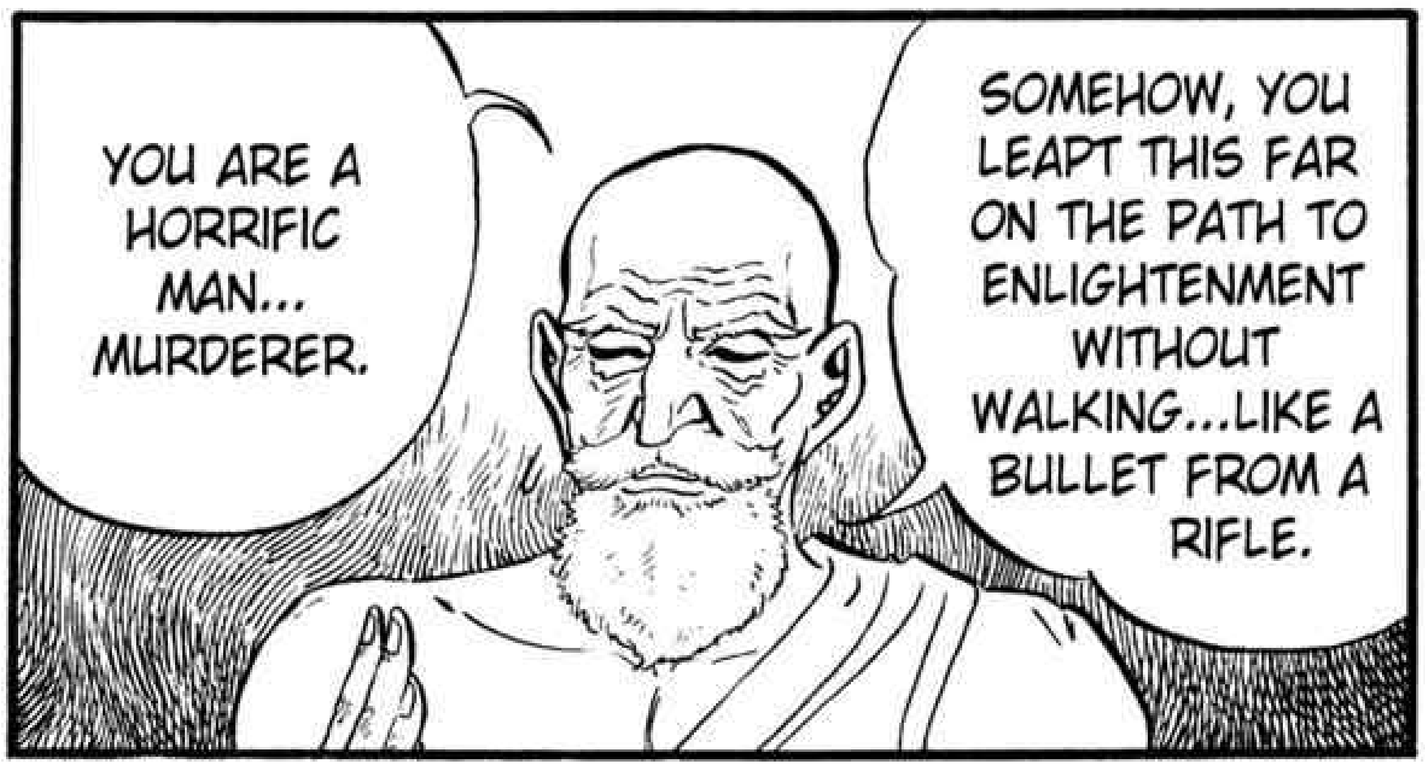
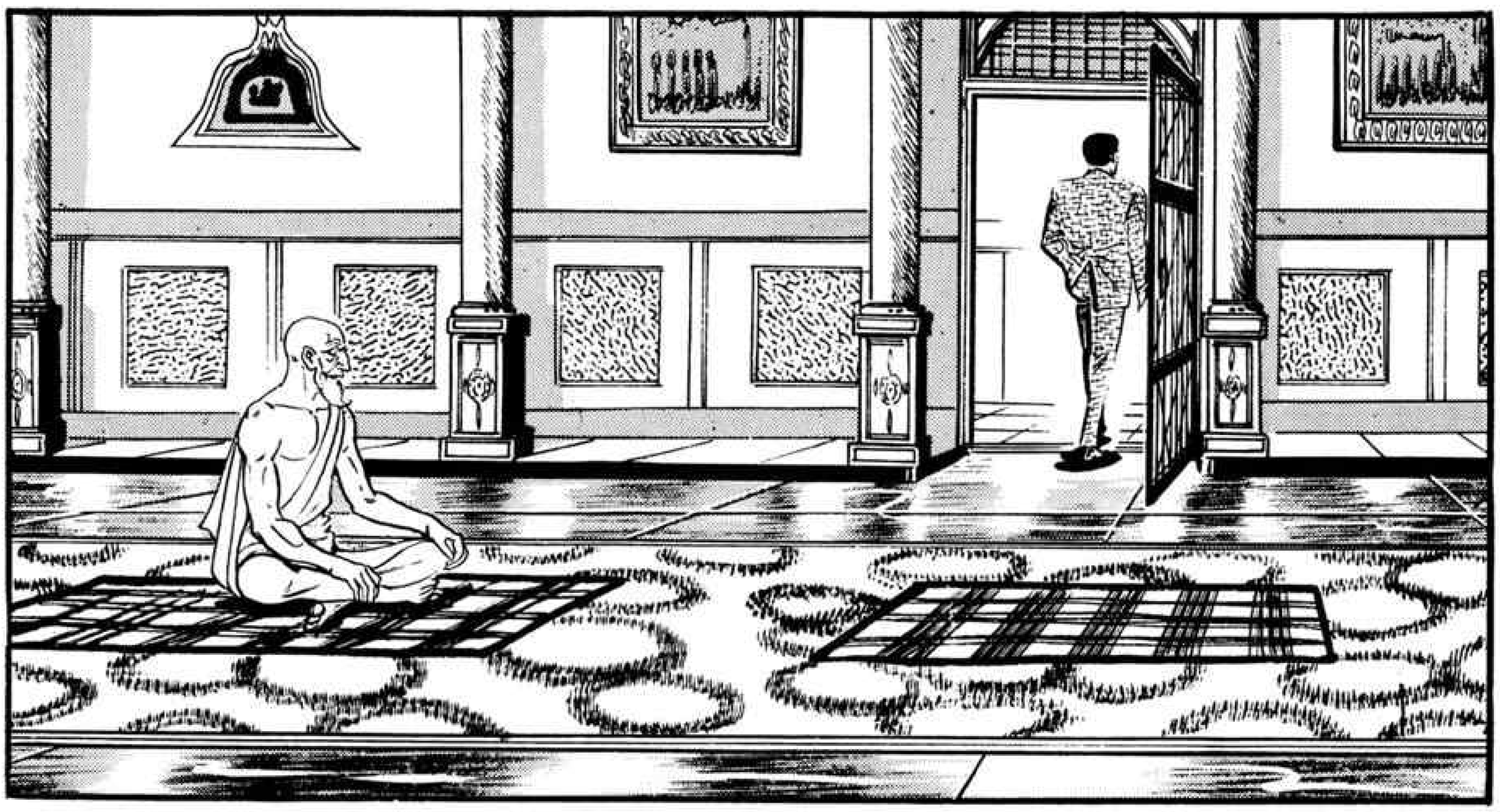
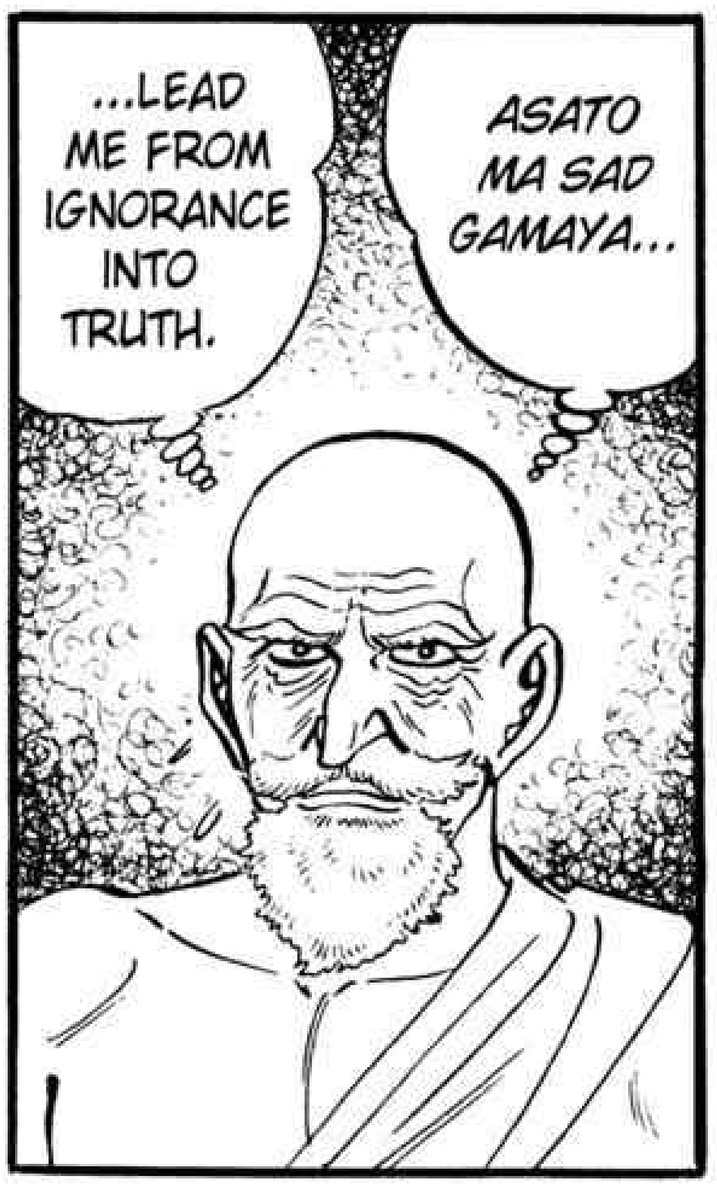
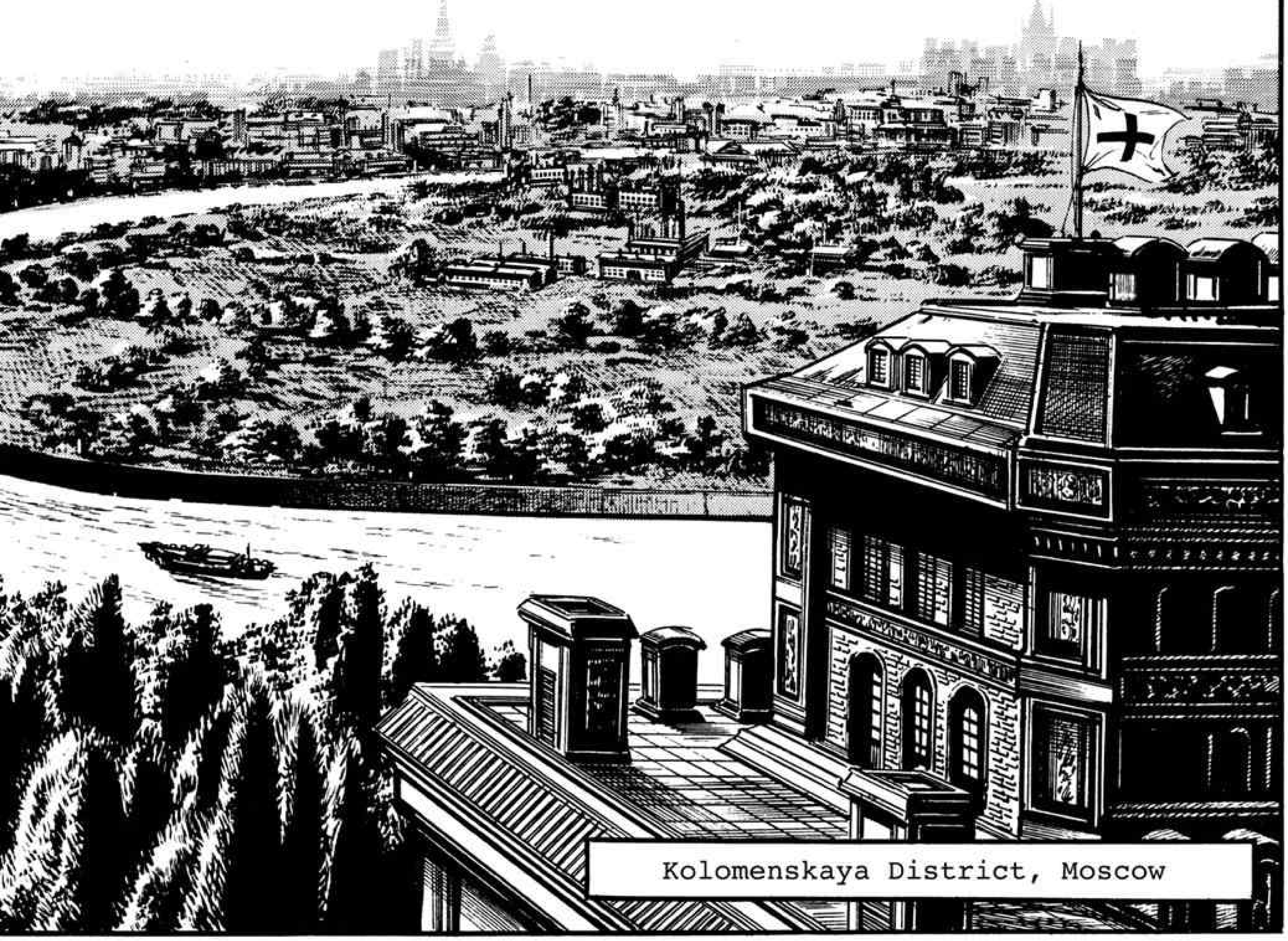

YOU ARE A HORRIFIC MAN... MURDERER.
SOMEHOW, YOU LEAPT THIS FAR ON THE PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT WITHOUT WALKING...LIKE A BULLET FROM A RIFLE.




...LEAD ME FROM IGNORANCE INTO TRUTH.
ASATO MA SAD GAMAYA...

# PART 6 DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS



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...FINDING A GOOD MAN, THAT'S WHAT I MEAN.

ANNA... YOU NEED TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR OWN FUTURE.

WE'LL BE IN SOCHI ON THE BLACK SEA NEXT WEEK! IT'LL BE A REAL SPRING DOWN THERE...YOU'LL BE FEELING MUCH BETTER, MOTHER.

THANK YOU, ANNA...

I KNOW YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT YOUR WORK...BUT I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CARE.

THINKING? MEN?

ANNA...? WH-WHAT DID YOU JUST...

...AND THINK ABOUT SHOVING THEIR PENIS UP INSIDE ME!!

MOTHER, I CAN SEE *INTO* THEIR ***MINDS!*** WHENEVER MEN SEE ME, THEY ALWAYS PICTURE ME NAKED...

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MEN MAKE ME WANT TO VOMIT!!

***PENIS!*** PENIS, PENIS!!

A MAN...A MAN IS...

...IT'S GETTING STRONGER EVERY DAY!

AND LET ME TELL YOU...

A MOTHER SHOULD PROTECT HER CHILD. BUT I COULD NEVER HELP YOU...

OH, DEAR ANNA... SOMETIMES I USED TO WISH I COULD TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...LIVE OUT IN THE FOREST, LIKE AN OLD PEASANT.

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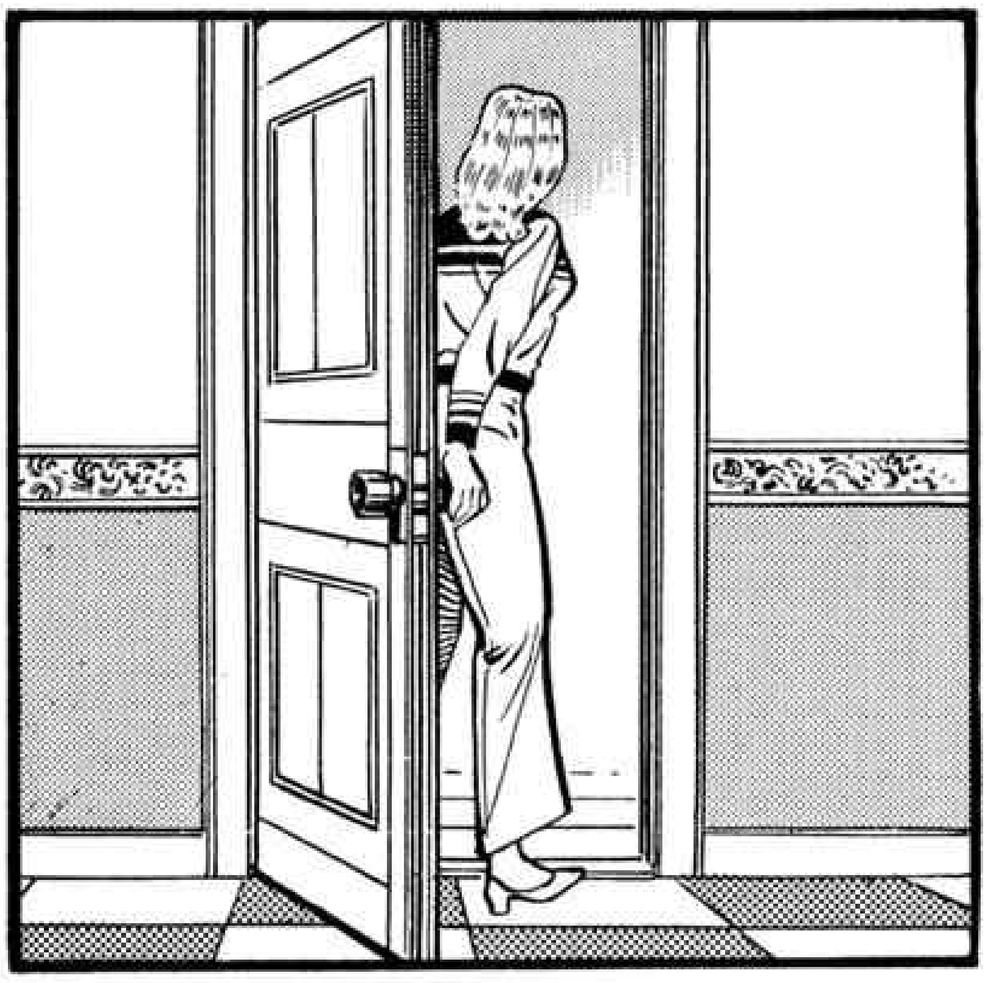
HELP ME, MOTHER? I'M PROUD OF MY POWER.

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

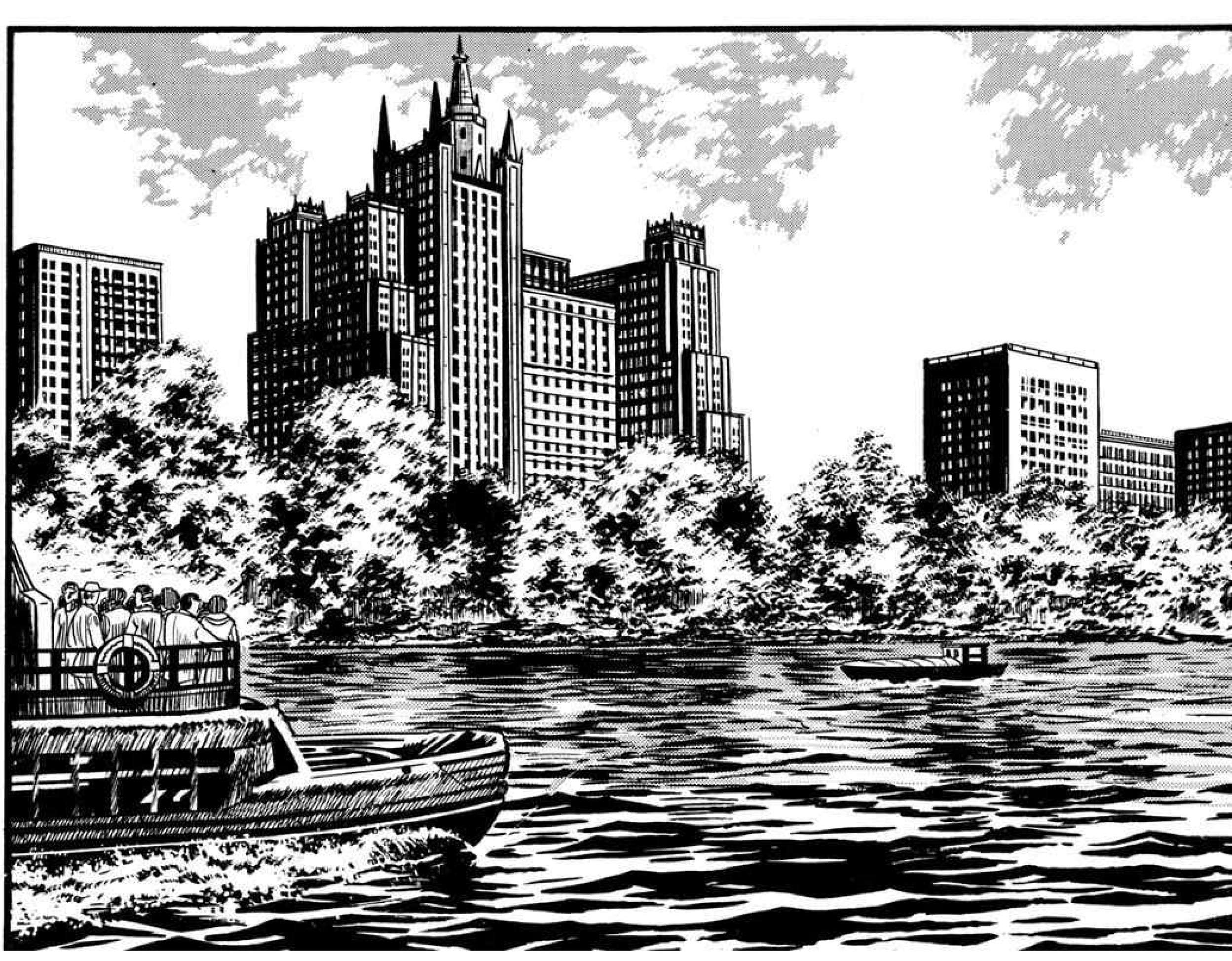
YES, SIR!

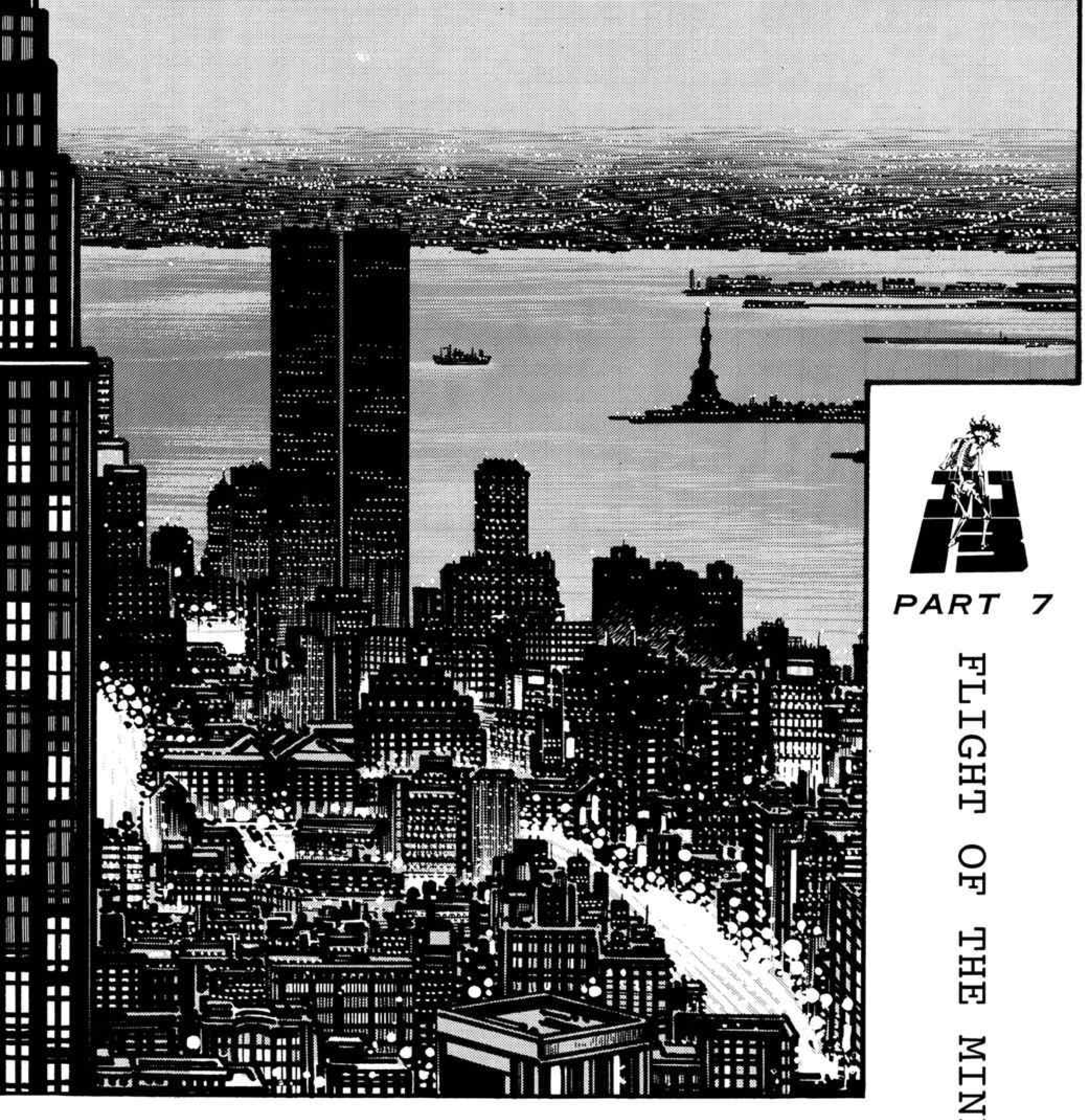
ANNA, IT'S TIME!



Y-YES... TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, ANNA...
SEE YOU SOON, MOTHER.

GOD HELP YOU.







PART 7

# FLIGHT OF THE MIND

breeeep

YOU JUMPED FROM DELTA TO BETA WAVE ACTIVITY IN LESS THAN A SECOND!

WHAT?

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...AT ANY RATE, YOU WERE ABLE TO TIME IT. YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING SELF-HYPNOSIS...?

IT WAS EXACTLY IN SYNCH WITH THE WATCH ALARM, MISTER... er...

...YOU'D ENTERED INTO READINGS CONSISTENT WITH A *COMATOSE STATE!*

IT WAS FAR DEEPER THAN NORMAL SLEEP...

THE BRAIN WAVE PRIOR TO THE TRANSITION WAS SO SLOW, I WAS ABOUT TO STOP THE TEST!

THIS IS A CASE FOR THE JOURNALS!

YOU'VE GOT TO STAY FOR MORE TESTS...

THERE MAY POSSIBLY BE SOME FORM OF ENCEPHALOPATHY PRESENT...

IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, MR....*er*...THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF AN ENGINE GOING INSTANTLY FROM DEAD TO FULL THROTTLE.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, DOCTOR.

...I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED WHAT JUST HAPPENED.

HE JUST WALKED RIGHT INTO THE CLINIC...AND NOW HE'S WALKING RIGHT OUT AGAIN. IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE DATA...

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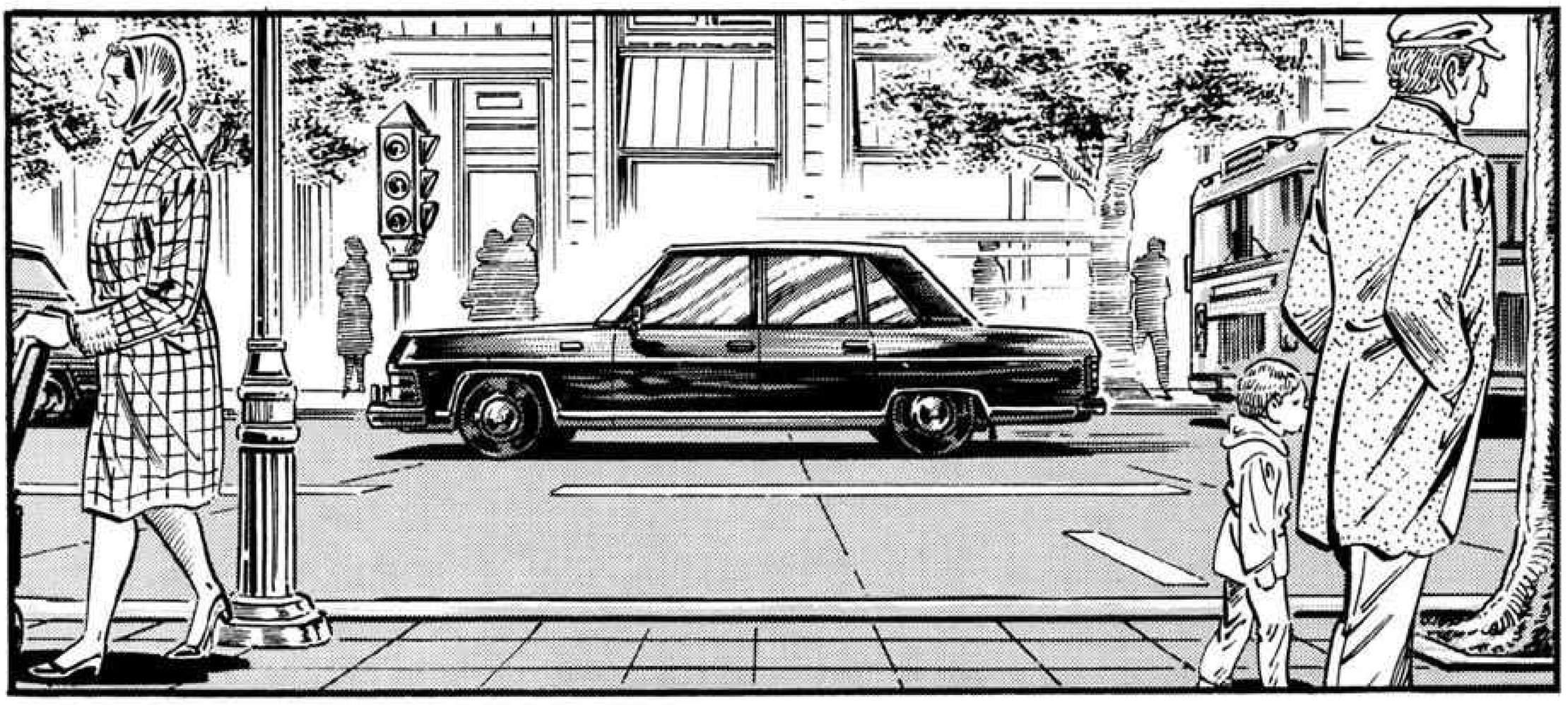
# PART 8 CONTACT



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CLOSE...

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I'LL CONTACT HQ...!

WHERE IS HE? HOW CLOSE? INSIDE MOSCOW?

YOU MEAN...

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I...I JUST *SAW* HIM!

HE'S LOOKING AT...

THE CROWDS... THE STREET LIGHTS...

...DOWN THE AVENUE...

УНИВЕРСАЛЬНЫЙ МАГАЗИН

I CAN SEE IT!

IT'S A TAXI STAND ON RED SQUARE!

...TELL THEM TO *HURRY!*

HOW'S THE SNOW ON MT. KAMEN?

THE ROADS ARE STILL CLOSED.

HEAVY FOR THE SEASON.

VVVV

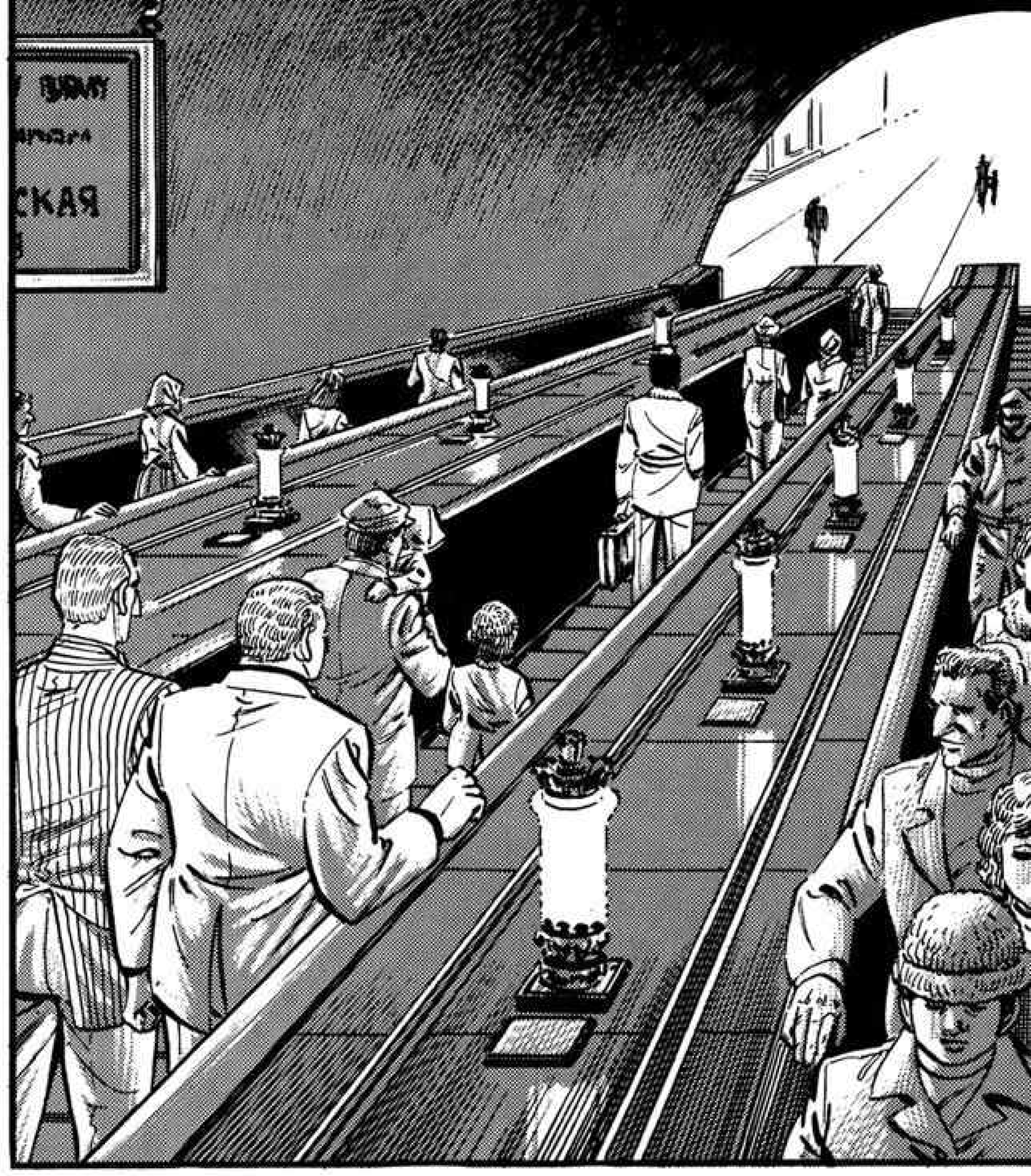
THAT...AND THE NAME OF THE VESSEL.

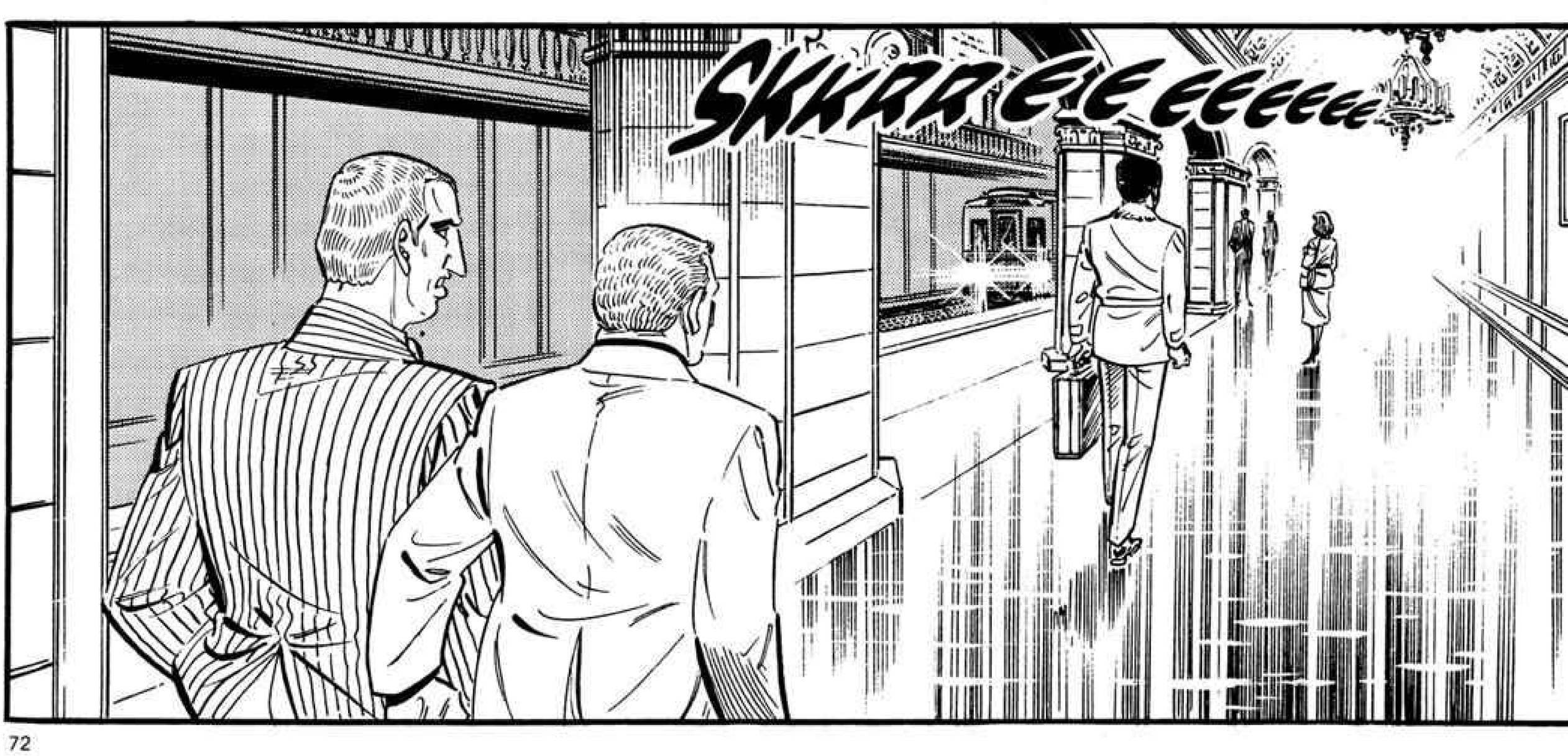
THEY'LL BE OPEN BY JUNE. DO YOU HAVE THE LOCATION OF MY GUN?

I'LL HANDLE IT FROM HERE.

ALL RIGHT... TELL THE AGENCY TO PULL BACK THEIR SURVEILLANCE.

GOT IT.

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SKKKREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

SOMEONE... A DOCTOR!

AH!!

KLAKKETAKLAKKETAKLAKKETA

THEY WON'T FIND HIM... AND NEITHER WILL GOLGO 13.

...NOW *THEY'RE* LOOKING FOR HIM, TOO.

THIS IS STARTING TO FALL APART! WORD WE'VE GOT KUPRIN LEAKED TO BREZHNEV'S MEN...

I *TOLD* YOU HE'D KEEP TRYING!

...AS TO KEEP HIM AT A KGB FACILITY.

WE WEREN'T SO FOOLISH...

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AND HE AND ANNA WILL STAY THERE UNTIL THE BOARD OF INQUIRY MEETS...EIGHTEEN HOURS FROM NOW.

KUPRIN'S WITH OUR AGENTS, STASHED BELOW DECKS ON A TOUR BOAT CRUISING THE MOSKVA RIVER. IT'S THE LAST PLACE ANYONE WOULD LOOK.

# PART 9 SAHAJ SAMADHI

OUR AGENTS HAVE NOTHING EITHER. HE'S LEFT MOSCOW--AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THE MEN ARE THINKING...

ANNA!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, ANNA. THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL CIRCUIT.

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NOT A TRACE, NO...

WE'LL PUT IN AT THE SOUTH RIVER TERMINAL. A CAR WILL BE WAITING FOR US THERE. IS THERE ANY SIGN OF HIM...?

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KLIK

CHAK

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WHAT?! WHERE--

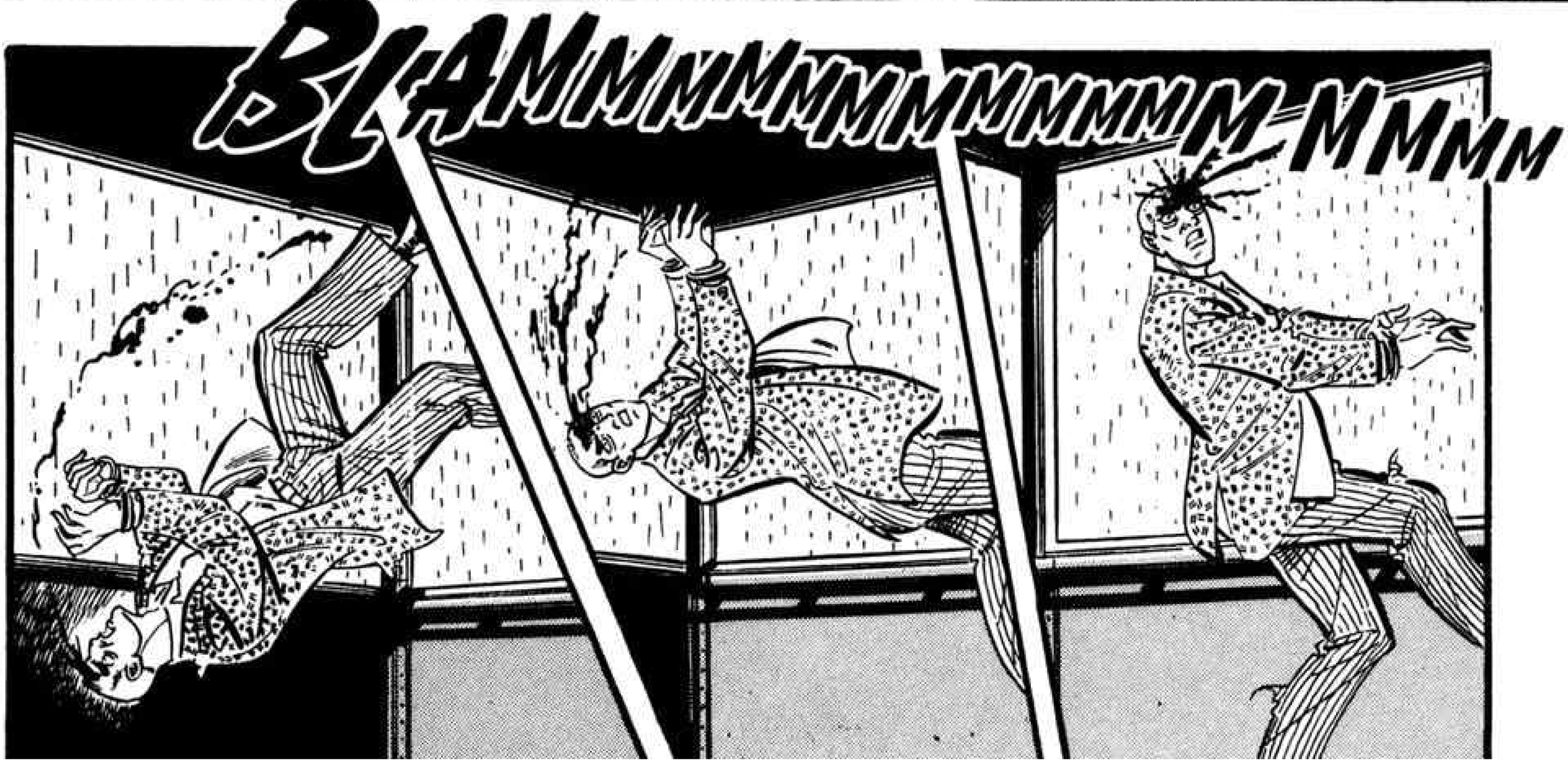
I CAN SEE HIM!

SHOOOOOOM

KAWHOOOOOOOM

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW THAT!
AND WHAT DO I HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IF I TESTIFY? A LABOR CAMP AT BEST! I'M NOT A TRAITOR... A CRIMINAL! I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG!
YOU OF ALL...

HE'S HERE! GOLGO 13 IS HERE!
KUPRIN, DON'T GO UP THERE! HE'LL KILL YOU!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HOW...?!
HOW...?!
I FELT
NOTHING...

...AND THEN
SUDDENLY...

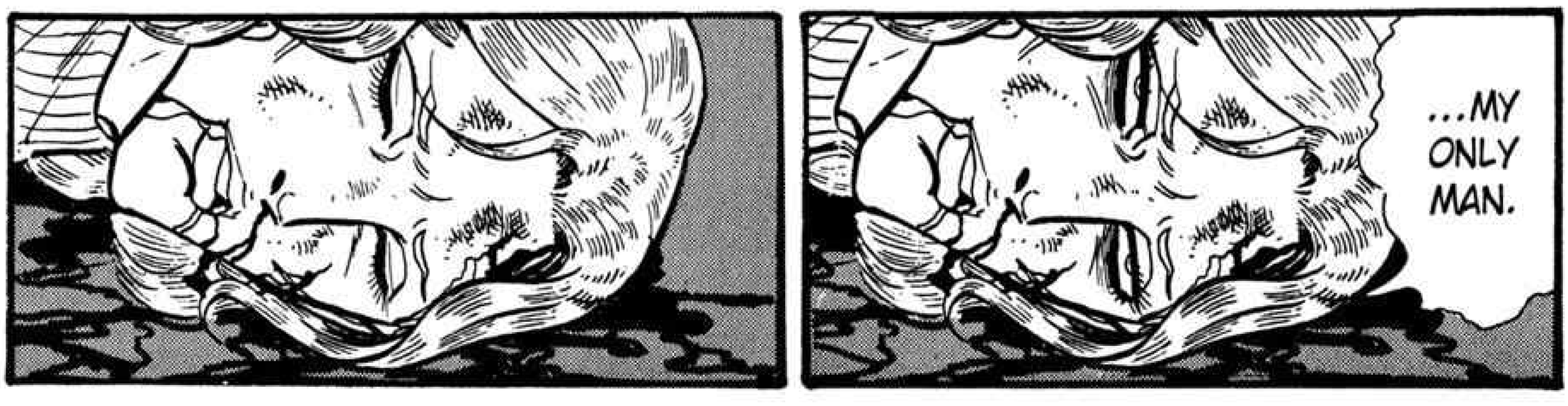
...WAS
HE EVER
REALLY
THERE...?

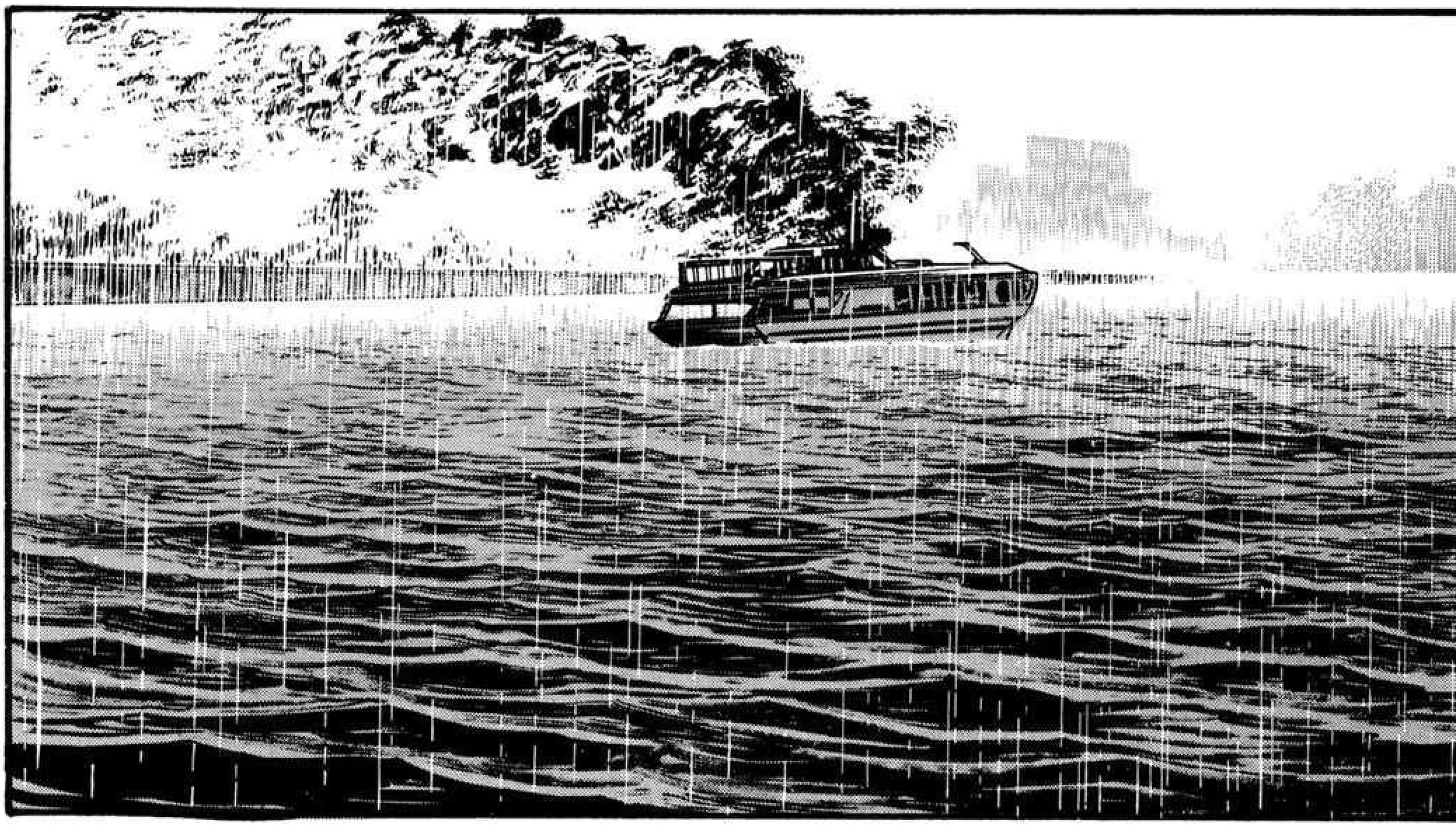
WAS...

...COME
INTO
ME...

...GOLGO 13.
I KNEW
YOU'D
COME...

AH!
*TCHORT*
*ZNAYET...*
INVISIBLE
DEMON.
INCUBUS...



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